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Liverpool's Sammy Lee and
Chelsea's Peter Rhoades-Brown
in FA Cup combat earlier this
season.

The PAUL MARINER

BACK ON

I'M on the road back to the
World Cup Finals.

I've cleared the first big hurdle
on the comeback trail after my
Achilles tendon operation and,
this week, I hope to be back in
the First Division.

My goal is still Spain this
summer, and I've not given up
hope of being England's
centre-forward against France in
the opening match on June 16.

But first I have to convince
Ipswich manager Bobby Robson
that I am ready to return to the
club's Championship bid.

**‘I shall be
moving heaven and
earth to show that
Mariner is back with
a vengeance’**

Only after I have proved to him
that I am fully recovered can I
have any thoughts about proving
to England boss Ron Greenwood
that I am still his man for Spain.

It's the dream of playing for
England in the World Cup Finals
that has spurred me on during
the weeks of agony and
heartache.

One must have ambitions,
especially when battling with a
serious injury.

But I am also prepared
mentally to accept the worst and
that time may well run out for
me.



Terry Butcher — made his
comeback from injury in the
same match as Paul Mariner.

But, until the moment arrives
when I realise I'm not going to
make it — if it ever does — I shall
be moving heaven and earth to
show everyone that Paul Mariner
is back with a vengeance.

I must admit that my
comeback match in the reserves
at Crystal Palace was a gamble.

That one game in a near-empty
Selhurst Park could have ended
my hopes of a return to the First
Division this season.

After just two days of light
training back at the club, there
was a danger that I would be

pushing myself just a little too
far.

If I wasn't ready, there was the
possibility of a setback that
would have virtually written off
the rest of the season for me.

The manager left the decision
to me, but I felt it was worth the
risk if I was to make a serious bid
for First Division soccer during
the Easter programme.

It was a do-or-die decision and
that's why I was apprehensive as
we travelled down to London for
what was one of the most crucial
matches of my career.

But, as it turned out, my worst
fears were completely
unfounded because I came
through with flying colours.

I can't begin to describe the
feelings of relief after the match
when I realised that I had safely
negotiated the first hurdle
without any complications.

The tendon was a little sore for
the first twenty or so minutes,
but once I had warmed up, I was
able to play without any pain for
the first time in about twelve
months.

**‘One game in
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Selhurst Park could
have ended
my hopes’**

Although Palace fielded a fairly
young and inexperienced side, it
was a competitive affair, even
though we romped to a 7-0 win.

I had no fears at all about the
physical side and, after a while, I
had completely forgotten about
the injury.

I scored one goal and figured in
moves that led to several of the
other goals, and I was pleasantly
surprised with my performance.

My timing left a little to be
desired, but that was to be
expected. I felt sharp and fit, and
after the game I knew I wasn't
that far away from being ready to
boost Ipswich's Championship
drive.

Manager Bobby Robson took
time off to see my return and
both he and reserve manager
Charlie Woods were surprised at
my fitness and level of
performance after such a long
lay-off.

It was also helpful in my case
to see my England colleague
Terry Butcher make his
comeback in the same match.

Poor Terry has had a
distressing time since the serious
nose injury sustained in the FA



Flashback to Wembley and that emotional November
night when England qualified for the World Cup Finals.
Paul Mariner — fist clenched in triumph — is
congratulated after scoring the all-important goal
which beat Hungary.

COLUMN

PAUL Mariner is back! And, as the player who scored the goal which finally took England to the World Cup Finals, he's determined to prove he can regain the form which made him first choice

for the number nine shirt.

Here, in his exclusive 'Match Weekly' column, he tells of the do-or-die decision that ended weeks of worry.

THE ROAD TO SPAIN

KEVIN KEEGAN SAYS



Paul Mariner with a song in his heart once more — complete with Spanish sombrero.

Cup-tie at Luton in January, and in many ways has been in far worse condition than myself. But he also came through well.

Two days later, I was in action again in a friendly against a Norwegian side, and once again I had no reaction.

But I felt rather more tired, which was quite natural with two games in less than 48 hours, plus a considerable amount of sprinting and training the day before.

We won that match 3-1 and it was great to see big Terry scoring twice to give his confidence a boost.

I think I am just ahead of Terry in the race for the First Division fitness stakes, although it might be a close run thing in the end.

But it's certainly great to be back and hopefully by the time you read this, I'll have made my First Division return in the vital Easter clash with West Ham at

Portman Road.

I'm looking forward to returning alongside Alan Brazil, who is producing the best football of his career.

I saw the 3-1 home defeat of Brighton and Alan was quite superb.

He's certainly hit form at the right time with the World Cup Finals just around the corner and, at the moment, there is no way Scotland manager Jock Stein can leave him out.

We are certainly in a strong position to win the Championship, but once again Liverpool are looking the main dangers.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.

Just great, Paul

WELCOME back Paul Mariner. It's great to see my England striking partner back in action after his lay-off through injury.

Injuries are the most depressing part of football and I know just how Paul will be feeling now that he is pulling on a pair of boots again.

Paul scored the goal that beat Hungary and ensured our place in Spain and I know he'll be doing his utmost to convince Ron Greenwood that he's the man for a World Cup place.

As well as being England pals, Paul and I are colleagues in another sense — we both belong to Match Weekly's top team of columnists.

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Steve's milestone

TOTTENHAM skipper Steve Perryman made his 500th League appearance for the club in the goalless draw at Birmingham.

YOUTHS GO OUT

ENGLAND youths are out of the Little World Cup. They were held to a 2-2 draw by Scotland at Coventry and so went out 3-2 on aggregate.

Sheffield Wednesday's John Pearson and Aston Villa's Mark Walters put England two-up by half time, but Celtic pair Paul McStay and Jim Dobbie levelled matters in the second half to take the Scots through.

BEST SACKED

FORMER Irish genius George Best is back in the news again.

He has been sacked by American club San Jose after walking out just before their match against New York Cosmos.

Jinxed Jones

BOLTON defender Paul Jones had one of those afternoons to forget against Norwich recently.

He missed a penalty and then sliced the ball into his own goal in the dying moments to present visiting Norwich with a 1-0 win.

Grand goal

JOHN Wark, Ipswich's Scottish midfield player, had the distinction of scoring the club's 1,000th goal in their First Division history.

It came in the 3-1 home defeat of League Champions Aston Villa, whom Ipswich hope to replace as title-holders at the end of the season.

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FOSTER'S LATEST CAP...



ENGLAND'S new defender Steve Foster has his own way of making sure he doesn't miss the boat to Spain... he's made himself a captain of Europe's biggest free enterprise car ferry company.

He swapped his famous headband for a Townsend Thoresen captain's hat to launch a new Brighton office for the company's holiday division, winning his latest 'cap' with the help of couriers, Sharon Oakley and Pamela Brett.

Watford aid Kiwis

SECOND Division Watford are to help New Zealand with their World Cup Finals preparation.

While on a concert tour in New Zealand, Watford chairman Elton John arranged three matches against the Kiwis in May.

NO CHANGE FOR SCOTS

SCOTTISH football clubs took only 13 minutes to reject a change in their League set-up next season.

The Management Committee wanted to change the three divisions from ten (Premier), 14 (First) and 14 (Second) to 14-12-12.

But it was a slender majority in favour of retaining the present sizes, twenty votes to 18.

PRICE OF FAME

TOTTENHAM defender Paul Price became the first Englishman to skipper Wales when he led the side in the friendly with Spain.

The former Luton player, whose father was born in Merthyr Tydfil, is the fifth Welsh captain in the past 11 months.

Goalkeeper Dai Davies, striker Leighton James and midfield player Brian Flynn have all skippered the side since Vancouver's Terry Yorath.

DON'S TELFORD

CHANGE

FORMER Coventry winger Don Nardiello, who hit the headlines in November 1977 by winning a Welsh cap just 25 days after his League debut, is now playing in the Alliance Premier League with Telford.

He returned this season from America after a spell with Washington Diplomats and had trials with West Brom and Sheffield Utd.

Blackburn blow

BLACKBURN'S promotion hopes from Division Two have been hit by the recall of loanee midfielder Kevin Arnott by Sunderland.

He had been on loan to the Lancashire club for the past four months.

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RUSH AIMS TO BE A HEADMASTER!

IAN Rush, whose goal finally sealed League Cup victory for Liverpool at Wembley last month, is convinced he should have scored even more goals than the 24 he had up to and including Saturday April 3.

"Obviously I'm delighted to have scored so frequently since making the breakthrough into the first team," says Ian. "But I reckon I could have had at least five or six more goals to my credit if my heading ability had been better."

"I feel it's a weakness in my game and one I'm determined to put right."

"I can win 'flick-ons' around the halfway line and set attacks going. But where it matters most — in the penalty area — my heading efforts lack power and direction. Timing my runs to meet crosses, too, needs improvement."

"With all the people I've got helping me at Anfield, I'm confident of getting it all together in the end."



Ian Rush — out to improve his heading ability.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

MAN OF THE YEAR

HAS your favourite player won Match Weekly's 'Man of the Year' award? Don't miss next week's issue to find out the result of our readers' poll.

We asked you to vote for the player who, in your eyes, has done most for the game this season.

And you flooded us with your entries! Next week we'll be announcing the name of the player who polled most votes... and the name of the lucky reader who will present him with his award.

Plus, we'll be publishing some of your comments... with a prize of £2 going to each person who gets his or her name published!

TABLE-TOPPERS

WATFORD reached the top of the Second Division for the first time in their 62-year League history by virtue of their 3-0 defeat of Bolton.

Two of the goals came from long-serving Luther Blissett, while former Newcastle and Brighton 'keeper Eric Steele popped up for his first senior game of the season.

ARMSTRONG'S GOAL TARGET

SOUTHAMPTON'S David Armstrong is determined to follow in the footsteps of team-mate Kevin Keegan and top his best-ever goals tally this season.

"During my 12 years with Middlesbrough, the most I managed in a season was 14," says the £600,000 midfielder.

"I'm sure I can top that this season."

He had scored 12 with nine matches remaining and so he is justifiably optimistic of setting a new personal record.

"I don't believe it's a one-season wonder, either," he insists. "I'm sure I'll go on scoring regularly now that I've joined the 'Saints'."

"The way the boss encourages us all to press forward and attack at every opportunity means everyone in the side — not just our strikers — stands a real chance of getting on the scoresheet."

"With Middlesbrough, we never really had that sort of freedom."

"I've always wanted to be a more attacking sort of player and now I'm being given the opportunity to be just that. I think the results speak for themselves."

TWO-MATCH TERRY

BRISTOL City are so short of players that defender Terry Boyle had to play twice in one day after being out for two months with a broken jaw.

The Welsh international played for the reserves in the morning and then appeared as substitute for the Third Division side against Brentford in the afternoon.

But it was not a return to remember, for it was his error which enabled Keith Bowen to score the winner for the Londoners.

QUICK OFF THE MARK!

WHAT a time to score your first League goal!

Young Southampton defender Mark Whitlock chose the 86th minute to head the Saints' winner in the 4-3 cliffhanger with Stoke.

And it was a vital goal that sent the 'Saints' back to the top of the First Division.

Rooster runs riot



OLE! Tottenham stars Graham Roberts (left) and Ricky Villa are doing their level best to get the 'bird' at White Hart Lane.

Last year was the 'Year of the Cockerel' so this bird seems to have his timing wrong, but at least he saw Tottenham topple Southampton 3-2 and 'cock fighter', Graham Roberts, scored his first-ever League hat-trick.

JOE GOES FOR PEDAL POWER

ENGLAND goalkeeper Joe Corrigan has decided it's time to get on his bike!

But before Manchester City fans throw up their arms in horror, thinking that their giant 'keeper is about to leave Maine Road — don't worry, he's not.

Big Joe explains: "Unfortunately, I lost my driving licence at the beginning of February, and instead of having to rely on someone else to take me to and from training each day, I decided to buy a bike."

"I'm enjoying it, too. I look upon it as putting in an extra hour's training each day. I took things steady at first, but recently I've been trying to improve my times each trip."

"I've shed around four pounds since I started."

Bobby's back

FORMER Fulham manager Bobby Campbell is back in League football.

He has taken over Third Division Portsmouth following the dismissal of Frank Burrows.

Burrows had been in charge at Fratton Park for three years.



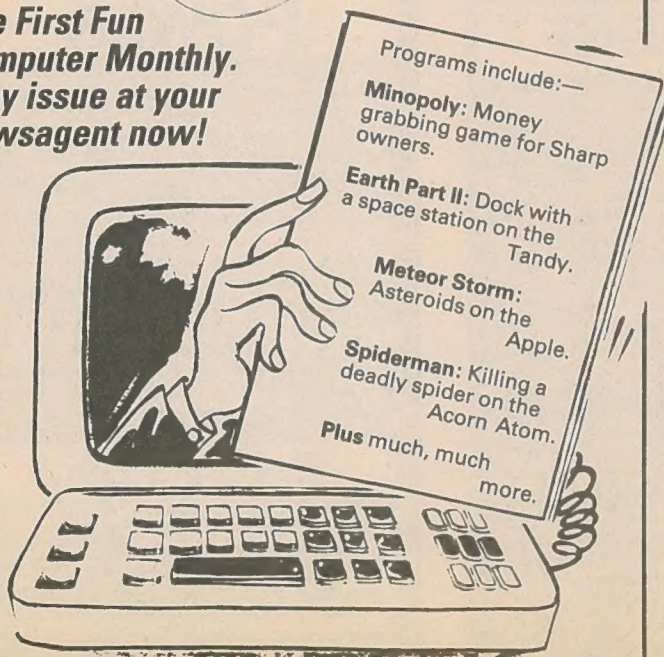
Left: Villa goalscorer Tony Morley prepares to fire in his shot.



Right: Calm it down! Spurs Argentinian midfielder Ricky Villa makes sure the Barcelona players get the message at White Hart Lane.

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**CUP WINNERS' CUP
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Spurs (0) 1 (Roberts)
Barcelona (0) 1 (Olmo)

SO

ASTON Villa goal hero Tony Morley believes the First Division Champions will make it to the European Cup Final.

After his first half goal against Anderlecht had given Villa the slender cushion of a one-goal advantage to take to Belgium next week, the England winger said:

"We are optimistic about our chances of completing the job over there.

"We are all well aware that we face a tough time because they have some very talented players, but we feel capable of pulling it off.

"Their defensive policy and offside trap proved very frustrating for us. With such talented players in their side it's a pity they have to resort to those sort of tactics.

"Every time I had the ball, I was faced with not two but three defenders, and they had the offside game down to a fine art.

"But having seen us play, they will be wary over there about our ability to pinch a goal or two on the break.

"They have got to play with more commitment at home to reach the Final, and we know we are capable of catching them on the break.

Morley goal beats the trap . . .

"We didn't play particularly well at Villa Park because we should have completed the task there and then with three or four goals.

"But in the European Cup so far, we have tended to play better away from home and we hope that continues next week."

In fact, Tony was guilty of one glaring miss shortly before his 27th minute goal that separated the teams at the end.

"For once I broke their offside trap, but then fluffed the chance," he says.

"I was caught in two minds when the 'keeper came out and it could have proved a costly miss.

"Ironically, the goal came from a similar position, but this time I had made up my mind to put it across the face of the 'keeper, and luckily for me it went in off a post.

"I hope I can make up for that miss in the second leg with another goal."

EUROPEAN SPECIAL

ASTON VILLA and Spurs go into European action again next Wednesday when they play the second legs of their Semi-Final ties against Anderlecht and Barcelona.

Here we bring you the comments of Villa striker Tony Morley and Spurs defender Chris Hughton plus pictures from the first legs...

Below: Spurs' goalscorer Graham Roberts is brought crashing to the ground by Barcelona's Estella.



FRUSTRATING

SPURS defender Chris Hughton admits: "I thought we'd never score against Barcelona."

Defender-cum-midfielder Graham Roberts gave the FA Cup holders hope of reaching the European Cup Winners' Cup Final with a last-gasp equaliser at White Hart Lane with just three minutes to go.

"It was a night of frustration for us. We had all the game and were camped outside their penalty area for almost 90 minutes," said Chris.

"They had at least eight men back all the time and their tackling was pretty physical. They went for tackles that just

Hughton hits at Barcelona tactics

weren't on.

"They came here with the sole intention of stopping us from playing and in that respect they succeeded. Their players were absolutely delighted when the final whistle blew.

"Ray Clemence admits that their second half goal was down to him. It was just one of those things. He makes a mistake like that once every six years. He was so upset about it.

"It was pretty frustrating to come up against the harsh treatment they dealt out and I believe we all did well to keep our cool.

"It just shows how much we've matured over the past few seasons. A couple of years ago we might have let our feelings boil over."

But Eire international Chris firmly believes that Spurs, who are already in the FA Cup Final, can make it to the Final in Barcelona.

Left: Chris Hughton: "They went in for tackles that just weren't on."

season so travelling doesn't scare us.

"Having said that Barcelona were without four regulars so they'll be a different proposition than they were at White Hart Lane.

"Former European Footballer of the Year Allan Simonsen failed to impress me in the first leg so he'll be out to prove he's world class in the next game.

"I thought their best player was the young lad who got sent off. Estella played very well before getting the red card. I'm glad he won't be facing us in the return."

"I'm very confident that we can go out there and win. I don't believe they'll play like that at home.

"They are going to have to come at us and that will leave gaps at the back. We play much better against a team that's prepared to go forward.

"We've only got to get an early goal and then they're struggling. If we do manage to subdue them for the first quarter of an hour the fans will get restless and that could unsettle them.

"The Spanish fans are very volatile and they do give their favourites a lot of stick if things aren't going well."

The young full-back also believes that Barcelona's massive Campo Nuevo stadium and big pitch could work in their favour.

"There'll be about 100,000 fans there and we love the big game atmosphere. The size of the pitch also suits us because we like a large surface.

"We've had some good results away from home in Europe this



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Andy Ritchie —
"It's taken me a long time to settle down, but now I'm sure I made the right move."

RITCHIE'S REWARD

BRIGHTON striker Andy Ritchie is glad he made the heartbreaking decision to leave his boyhood heroes, Manchester United.

The youngster's burning ambition was to make the grade with the hometown side, so it was a painful day when he packed his boots and moved to the unfashionable South Coast club.

But now he's beginning to reap the rewards of his brave decision following a call-up to the England Under-21 party for their game against Poland last week.

"I'm glad I decided to leave Old Trafford now. Even though it's taken me a long time to settle down here I'm sure I made the right move.

"It was a big wrench to move from Old Trafford and move south. All my family and friends live up there and I'd always been a United fan.

"But there was just no future for me at United. I just couldn't get a regular first team place," said Andy, who joined Brighton for £500,000 in October, 1980.

"It's taken me a year, but now I'm very happy. I love the place and the goals have started to go in for me," added the 21-year-old.

"I didn't have the best of starts at the Goldstone Ground. Last season I suffered a lot of niggling injuries and it took me quite a time before I could find a house of my own.

"I had been staying with my fellow striker Mike Robinson and I didn't feel settled until I got a place of my own.

"Obviously there's a big difference between the two clubs. Manchester United is an institution whereas Brighton is a small family club.

"But this season we have shown that we've got the potential and the players to make it in the big time.

FOCUS on one of the England Under-21 squad's newest recruits.

"Big money signings like Jimmy Case wouldn't come to Brighton unless they thought they could achieve something.

"We're a relatively new side and haven't played together long and yet we are still holding our own in the top half of the First Division.

"This season we are aiming for a place in Europe. If we could do that it would be a great boost for the town and the club."

Andy is playing in front of smaller crowds than he was used to when he played for United in a career that spanned 33 League games and produced 13 goals.

And he says: "Unlike cities in the North West, Brighton just isn't geared up for football. There are so many other things for the people down here to do.

"It's disappointing to us that we don't get the crowds at the Goldstone Ground which we feel we deserve. When Brighton were in the Third Division they were getting better gates than they are now."

Even though the crowds haven't been turning up in force, the England selectors have, and Andy is the second Brighton player to be recognised at international level this season.

His skipper, Steve Foster, made his full debut against N. Ireland in March.

"The Under-21 call came right out of the blue. I didn't believe it when a friend told me the news.

"Now I've just got to keep scoring goals and playing well and hope that my full international chance will come."

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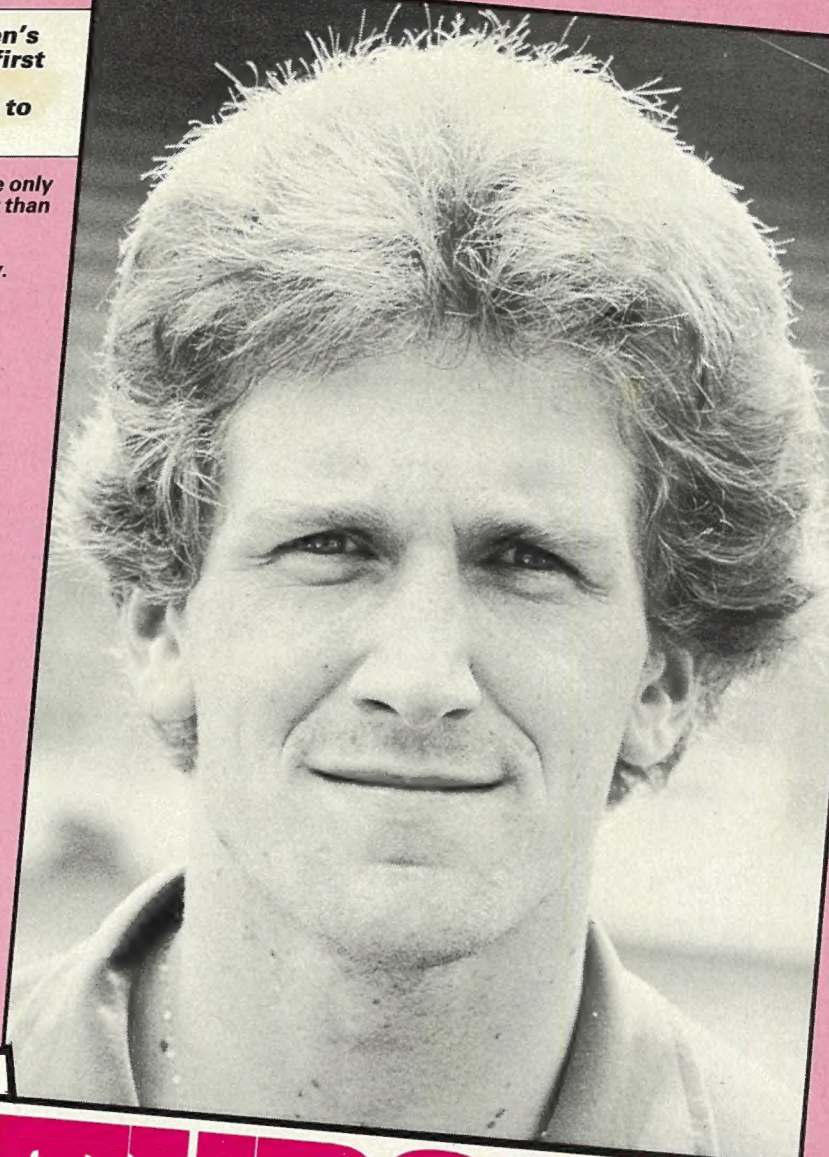
Just four months ago, Peter Hucker was in the Queen's Park Rangers reserves wondering if he'd ever get a first team chance. Now the young goalkeeper faces the prospect of an FA Cup Final appearance. Peter talks to 'Match' about his dramatic rise to fame . . .

Left: QPR defender Ian Gillard — he's the only player who's been at Loftus Road longer than Peter Hucker.

Right: Peter Hucker — a trip to Wembley.



Peter waits six years for a



BREAK

THROUGH

QUEEN'S Park Rangers' young goalkeeper Peter Hucker admitted: "There were times when I wanted to get away from Loftus Road."

Behind defender Ian Gillard, the 22-year-old is the longest serving player on the club's books. But in terms of first team experience, he's the baby of the side.

Peter explained: "I've been plodding away for the last six years hoping that my big chance would come.

"I've seen five managers and four goalkeepers come and go. At times, I thought I should leave and try my luck elsewhere.

"It was frustrating because I watched those goalkeepers and I knew that I could do the job. I just wanted someone to have some belief in me."

Peter's big chance came in the New Year when regular 'keeper John Burridge publicly stated that he was unhappy playing on the club's controversial

synthetic pitch.

Now, just three months later, Peter faces the prospect of an FA Cup Final appearance at Wembley against London rivals Tottenham.

"This makes up for all the waiting. If someone had told me at the beginning of the season that I would be playing at Wembley, I'd have laughed at them," added Peter, who joined Rangers straight from school.

Certain

During Tommy Docherty's last stay in charge at QPR, it looked almost certain that Peter would be leaving the club.

He explained: "I was playing in the reserves at the time and Tommy and I weren't seeing eye to eye over a new contract.

"So when the regular 'keeper was injured, he promoted the third team goalie to take his place. I knew then that it was either him or me who would have

to leave the club.

Fortunately it was him."

Peter, who made his QPR debut in the final game of last season in a 3-3 draw at Shrewsbury, had a spell on loan at Cambridge.

But even then, he didn't get a chance to show what he could do in the first team.

"The club were chasing promotion from the Third Division and wanted cover for goalkeeper Martin Webster, who had a suspect knee.

"Luckily for Martin, his knee never broke down, but I returned home without any first team experience."

When Peter's big chance to establish himself came this season, the youngster had no trouble settling in to the Loftus Road side.

"I believe Rangers have one of the best back fours in the Second Division and that certainly helped me in the early days.

"But I've known all the lads for a long time and

played with them in training so there was no trouble getting used to their style of play."

Now Peter hopes that he can help make it a double celebration for Rangers this season by gaining promotion to the First Division.

"Our success in the Cup has whetted our appetite for promotion. We won't be sitting back and waiting for Cup Final day to come along."

Rangers made their intention clear when they beat fellow Londoners Orient 3-0 at Loftus Road just three days after their Semi-Final success.

"I believe we've still got a very good chance of gaining promotion. We've just got to make our away form count. We've been dropping lots of silly points away from Loftus Road," said Peter.

ST MIRREN



BACK ROW (left to right): Billy Abercromby, Ian Scanlon, John Young, Billy Thomson, Campbell Money, Doug Somner, Mark Fulton, Tony Fitzpatrick.
FRONT ROW: Alan Logan, Lex Richardson, Billy Stark, Frank McDougall, Jackie Copland, Alex Beckett, Jim Bone, John McCormack.

GOLDEN GOAL



WATSON'S WHIZZ-BANG

**Dave Watson (Stoke) v Southampton,
Division One, The Dell,
Sat., March 27, 1982**

MEMORIES of Dave Watson's early days as a thundering striker with Rotherham and Sunderland came flooding back on his sentimental return to Southampton.

The craggy England defender, who parted company with the Saints earlier this season, crashed home a goal to savour to aid Stoke's fight back from potential disaster.

His piledriver, sandwiched between efforts from two other recent signings, Alan Biley and Sammy McIlroy, enabled Stoke to claw their way back into the contest after being three goals down at the break.

Young Mark Whitlock, one of Dave's successors in the Saints defence, had the last word with a late winner to take some of the sweetness away from Dave's memorable goal.

But he could hardly have

chosen a better day on which to open his account for Stoke... against his old club and in the presence of England manager Ron Greenwood.

His big moment arrived in the 62nd minute when Alan Dodd turned the ball back into his path after Alan Ball had charged down a shot.

Without hesitation, Dave lashed the ball from fully thirty yards and it flew into the top corner with goalkeeper Ivan Katalanic almost frozen to the spot.

"It wasn't the best goal of my career, but it was certainly nice to score on my return to Southampton," says Dave.

"I remember asking Alan Dodd to lay the ball back for me, and I just hit it.

"It was just a shame in the end that we didn't get a point. That would have really made my day."



Fixtures

Friday, April 16
DIVISION FOUR

Stockport v York.....

Saturday, April 17
DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Nottm F.....
Aston Villa v M'bro.....
Coventry v West Ham.....
Ipswich v Stoke.....
Leeds v S'thmptr.....
Liverpool v West Brom.....
Man. Utd v Spurs.....
Notts Co v Brighton.....
Sunderland v Everton.....
Swansea v Man. C.....
Wolves v B'mham.....

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Watford.....
Charlton v Rotherham.....
C. Palace v Oldham.....
Derby v Norwich.....
Grimsby v Chelsea.....
Leicester v Cardiff.....
Luton v Newcastle.....
Orient v Bolton.....
QPR v Shrewsbury.....
Sheff. W v Cambridge.....
Wrexham v Barnsley.....

DIVISION THREE

Brentford v Preston.....
Bristol C v Swindon.....
Carlisle v Millwall.....
Chesterfield v Exeter.....
Fulham v Bristol R.....
Lincoln v Reading.....
Newport v Wimbledon.....
Oxford v Burnley.....
Plymouth v Hud'sfield.....
Portsmouth v D'caster.....
Southend v Chester.....
Walsall v Gillingham.....

DIVISION FOUR

B'nemouth v H'tlepool.....
Aldershot v Sheff. Utd.....
Blackpool v Colch'ter.....
Bury v Torquay.....
Crewe v Hull.....
Darlington v North'pton.....
Halifax v Wigan.....
Mans'ld v Tranmere.....
Peterboro' v Bradford.....
Port Vale v Scunth'pe.....
Rochdale v Hereford.....

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Airdrie v Rangers.....
Celtic v Dundee.....
Dundee Utd v Hibs.....
Morton v Aberdeen.....
St Mirren v Partick.....

FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank v Raith.....
Dumbarton v Qn of Sth.....
Dunf'mline v St Johnst'e.....
Falkirk v Motherw'l.....
Hearts v E. Stirl'g.....
Kilmarnock v Hamilton.....
Queens Park v Ayr.....

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Brechin.....
Berwick v Stranaer.....
Clyde v Cowdenbeath.....
E. Fife v Sten'h'semuir.....
Meadowbank v Forfar.....
Montrose v Alloa.....
Stirling v Arbroath.....

Stratton on Saturday

£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my challenger (opposite) can prove he is a better tipster than me, he wins £5!

In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches and you can see my opponent's predictions alongside them.

There's a space for our forecast and a column for the actual result so, just for fun, you can try to beat me too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw) but the scoreline wrong.



Pictured above is my special guest opponent — **Simon Holland (12) of Sidcup, Kent.** Simon's a fan of Cup finalists QPR and his favourite player is midfielder Tony Currie.

BIG Willie Young returns to Highbury on Saturday — up against his former team-mates for the first time since his £150,000 transfer to Nottingham Forest.

And the flame-haired Scot will be eager to prove to the Arsenal faithful that he made the right move — especially with the 'Gunners' currently above Forest in the League.

Willie fell out with Arsenal manager Terry Neill during the close season in talks over a new contract.

Certainly the big stopper won't be taken for granted on Saturday. The Arsenal management will be only too aware of his defensive strength and the havoc he can create inside the opponents' box at corners.

Apart from putting one over his old club, it will be a chance for Willie to help Forest prevent Arsenal from landing the League double over Brian Clough's team.

Back in November, the 'Gunners' came away from the City Ground with three points following a 2-1 win — the goals coming from Alan Sunderland and Brian Talbot.

Willie Young took no part in that game because talks over his

Blank day for an ex-Gunner

transfer were deadlocked.

And while I can't see him coming away from Highbury on Saturday with anything more than memories, it won't be for lack of trying.

Meanwhile relegation-haunted Middlesbrough travel to Aston Villa looking for more success following their crucial away victory recently over similarly troubled neighbours Sunderland.

They won't find points so easy to come by on this occasion, however.

I'm sure they'd settle for a draw like the one they earned at Ayresome Park against Villa earlier this season.

And so would most of the fans — it was a 3-3 thriller!

On that occasion Villa went 3-1 up only to "throw it away" in the words of Villa striker Peter Withe, whose shot led to their first goal and who set up the third for Gary Shaw.

But the real hero of the day was Billy Ashcroft who came on as substitute and scored twice to earn Middlesbrough a point.

Last, but not least, Ipswich should exact revenge for their 2-0 defeat at Stoke when the two teams meet again at Portman Road.

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches — and the challenge is beat me if you can.

As usual there is £5 at stake in my special challenge match against one lucky 'Match' reader.

• Bad luck to Wayne Church — my opponent in the March 27 issue of 'Match' — who lost six points to three.

Saturday, April 17	MY FORECAST	GUESTS FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT	WHO WON THIS WEEK? POINTS SCORED PAUL _____ YOURSELF _____
Arsenal v Nottm Forest	2-0	1-1			
Aston Villa v M'bro	3-0	2-0			AGGREGATE SCORES CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK PAUL _____ YOURSELF _____
Ipswich v Stoke	2-1	3-0			
Charlton v Rotherham	1-1	0-1			
C. Palace v Oldham	1-0	0-2			
Brentford v Preston	3-0	2-0			
Walsall v Gillingham	2-0	1-1			
Blackpool v Colchester	1-1	1-0			
Mansfield v Tranmere	1-0	1-1			
St Mirren v Partick	2-0	2-0			



Tony Galvin races past Leicester's Steve Lynex in the FA Cup Semi-Final at Villa Park on his way to another Wembley appearance for Spurs.

I'll play for Eire

says **TONY GALVIN**

SPURS' Huddersfield-born winger Tony Galvin has turned his back on a chance to play for England.

The 25-year-old has opted to make himself available to Eire — the birthplace of his grandfather.

Explained Tony: "I looked at the situation carefully and decided that I'd stand a better chance of winning full caps with Eire than I would with England.

"It wasn't a difficult decision to make. The more chance I get of playing international football, the better it will be for my career.

"My grandfather was born in Limerick. All I'm waiting for now is the authorities to verify my claim."

There's no doubt that the news will delight Eire manager Eoin Hand because Tony has been one of the driving forces behind Tottenham's push for the treble.

Spurs made sure of a return to Wembley — it will be their fifth appearance there in a year — when they beat Second Division Leicester 2-0 at Villa Park in the FA Cup Semi-Finals.

Spurs are also in the last four of the European Cup-Winners Cup and handily placed in the First Division title race.

"Reaching the FA Cup Final again is fantastic. No matter how many times you play there, it's something special.

Chance

"You've got to make the most of each occasion because you never know if you'll ever get a chance to go back.

"Some players never get an opportunity to play at Wembley so all the Spurs players realise just how lucky we are."

Spurs meet Second Division Queen's Park Rangers in the Final on Saturday, May 22, and look red-hot favourites to retain the FA Cup.

But Tony knows it won't be an easy game to win. He said: "We won't underestimate them. They are a class side with a lot of quality players. On their day, they are a match for any team in the country.

"Players like Tony Currie will love the big occasion.

"But we've got to black thoughts of Wembley's twin towers from our minds because there's a couple of other competitions to fight for.

"We've got a hectic run-in to the end of the season and it's very tiring for the players. We've just got to convince ourselves we're not tired.

"The second-leg of our European Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final in Barcelona is going to be a particularly difficult one for us. The Spaniards made no secret of their attitude by the way they played in the 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane, though we were still unlucky to concede a goal. Now we must win or get a high-scoring draw in Barcelona to go through to the Final and that will be a real test of character for us.

"Although the cup competitions are regarded as the glamour ties, the League Championship is the trophy I want to win most.

Challenge

"Even though we've got our fingers in a lot of pies, I see no reason why we can't still win it. Our squad is certainly strong enough for the challenge.

"Although the team has gone through an indifferent patch in the First Division recently, that can't be put down to our cup successes. We're just as determined to win the League."

Tony, who joined Spurs straight from school, made his League debut for the club in February 1979 against Manchester City, but he had to wait until midway through last season before he got a chance to establish himself.

He played in the final 17 First Division games and picked up an FA Cup winners' medal in Spurs' 3-1 replay victory over Manchester City.

This term, he's found himself a marked man and he says: "I've been receiving more attention from defenders and it's something I'm working on."

SWOP SHOP SWOP SHOP

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WANTS: Southampton v Man. Utd FA Cup Final programme.
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OFFER: Over 75 assorted programmes.
WANTS: Liverpool goalkeepers kit (size 34 to 36) with number one on the back.
Kieran Cunningham, Gannaw, Glencolmaille, County Donegal, Eire.

OFFER: Liverpool holdall.
WANTS: Any football club pennants (including foreign).
Linda Feary, The Jays, Willow Lane, Amersham, Bucks.

OFFER: Hamburg and Chelsea pennants.
WANTS: Chelsea v Liverpool programme (this season) plus any Chelsea autographs.
Colin White, 10 Leyhill Close, Swanley, Kent.

OFFER: Preston silk scarf and autographed photographs of Cherry, Mills, Wilkins, Thompson and Brooking.
WANTS: Enamel badge and pennant of both Birmingham and Preston.
Andrew Gray, 7 Churchburn Drive, Loansdean, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2BZ.

OFFER: Football annual and Scotland top.
WANTS: England kit.
J. Martinez, 32 Bicester Road, Richmond, Surrey.

SWOP SHOP SWOP SHOP

HAT-TRICK HEROES

THE following Scottish strikers have hit hat-tricks north of the border this season. Can you match them up with their proper clubs?

- 1 Paul Sturrock
- 2 Sandy Clark
- 3 Willie Pettigrew
- 4 Mike Lawson

- A Berwick
- B Dundee Utd
- C Airdrie
- D Motherwell

Riddle time

THIS evergreen full-back was born in Guildford, Surrey, and started his career in midfield. He's been capped once for England — back in 1967 — and has played for three different League clubs without moving out of London.

Don't miss next week's Match for the answer.

● **The solution to last week's riddle was: Willie Young of Nottingham Forest.**

MISSING LINKS

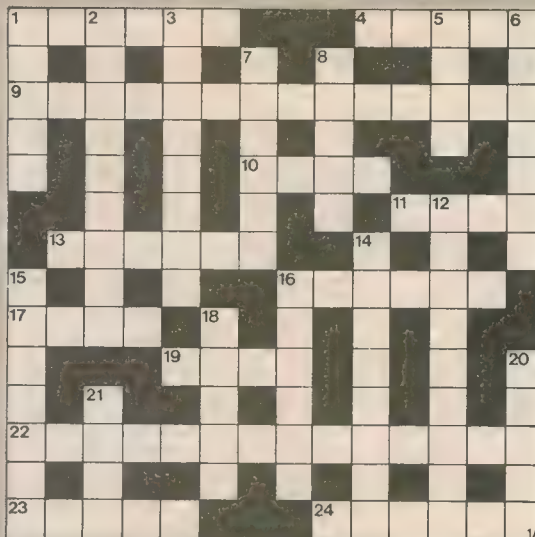
HERE are the starting line-ups from this season's League Cup Final between Liverpool and Spurs. There are three players missing from each side. Can you name them?

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy, —, Thompson, —, Dalglish, —, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

SPURS: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, —, Hazard, —, Ardiles, Archibald, —, Hoddle, Crooks.

SOCCER WORD

ACROSS



1. Many modern shirts have a pin----- marking their design (6)
4. Either of two Swansea City front-runners (5)
9. Nott's County's continental keeper (5,9)
10. — Franklin was a Stoke and England stopper who created news by going to play in Colombia — in the 1960s he managed Colchester United (4)
11. A — tackle won't be penalised (4)
13. Brothers Brian and Alan who began their careers with Aston Villa in the 1970s (6)
16. Physical attribute which is particularly useful for centre-forwards, centre-halves and goalkeepers (6)
17. Trevor is over halfway across! (4)
19. It comes before Sunderland! (4)
22. 'Smart to lob 'em in?' (anagram) — probably *not* with this experienced keeper who has been with Bradford City (his ninth club!) in the last couple of seasons (4,10)
23. Ian, John, Mike, Bobby or Steve (5)
24. Former Leeds, Bradford City and England defender (6)

DOWN

1. One letter removed from 1 across will give you the shirt, the shorts and the socks! (5)
2. The nickname of the club managed by Ron Atkinson... (3,6)
3. ... and where they once had to play a 'home' match in the European Cup-Winners' Cup (8)
5. A constructive advance with the ball (4)
6. Manchester City's former Polish star Kazimierz Deyna went to the USA to play for San Diego — (7)
7. Cambridge United joined the League in place of Bradford Park — (6)
8. One of soccer's Prices (5)
12. 'It hangs on' (anagram) — this place is the birthplace of the Charlton brothers and once upon a time had its own League club (9)
14. Spurs completed the League championship and FA Cup 'double' in nineteen — (5,3)
15. Worked to keep fit (7)
16. Ayr United are nicknamed "The — Men" (6)
18. A — tackle won't be penalised (5)
20. Mr Craig, could be (5)
21. It comes behind Bristol! (4)

Stop the action

HERE'S an action shot from a recent

Wembley Final. Do you know:

A The competition, year and teams taking part?

B The final score and winning goalscorer?

C The players in the picture? Two have since moved — where are they now?

D Which teams they beat in the Semi-Finals?



TOP TEN QUIZ

TEST your soccer knowledge with this quiz:

1. Man. City splashed out £1m to buy Kevin Reeves from Norwich. Where did the striker start his League career?
2. Who were the first British club to install an all-seater stadium?
3. Who scored the only goal in Scotland's win over England at Wembley last season?
4. Which Fourth Division club are nicknamed 'The Valiants'?
5. Which player finished up as Leeds' leading League scorer last season?
6. Des Bremner plays in the heart of Aston Villa's midfield — his brother is also a League player. Who does he play for?
7. Which Third Division club plays at Belle Vue?
8. Which club knocked Ipswich out of last season's FA Cup?
9. Who did Jack Charlton take over from as manager of Sheffield Wednesday?
10. Name the Blackburn striker (pictured right) signed from Wolves earlier this season?



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Courage Anticipation
Handling Temperament

When you've worked out your answers, fill in the coupon and send it off to: Paul Cooper Competition, Match Weekly, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

Entries must reach us by Friday, April 23 and the results will be announced in our May 8 issue.

The winner, judged by a Match Weekly panel, will be invited to join the course for the week of his choice during the summer months.

GOALIES

WIN A COACHING

COURSE

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....

Name

Age..... Address.....



LEFT: Ipswich sharp-shooter Alan Brazil fires in at goal during last year's 'Match Weekly' penalty competition at the National Goalkeeping Centre.

Solutions

MISSING LINKS: Liverpool — Lawrenson, Whelan, Lee, Spurs — Price, Perryman, Galvin.
HAT-TRICK HEROES: 1-B; 2-C; 3-D; 4-A.
TOP TEN QUIZ: 1 Bourmouh; 2 Aberdeen; 3 John Robertson; 4 Port Vale; 5 Carl Harris; 6 Colchester; 7 Doncaster; 8 Manchester City; 9 Len Ashurst; 10 Norman Bell.
STOP THE ACTION: A — 1980 FA Cup Final between West Ham and Arsenal; B — West Ham 1 (Trevor Brooking) Arsenal 0; C — From left: Alan Devonshire, David Price (now Crystal Palace), Pat Rice (Watford); D — West Ham beat Everton and Arsenal beat Liverpool in the semi-finals.
TRANSFER TANGLE: A — Billy Jennings (Orient) to Luton; B Ray Train (Watford to Oxford); C John Barton (Everton to Derby); D Mick Harford (Bristol City to Birmingham).
SOCCEWORD: Across: 1, stripe; 4, James; 9, Raddy Avramovic; 10, Neil; 11, fair; 13, Little; 16, height; 17, Ross (hidden); 19, Alan; 22, Neil Ramsbottom; 23, Doyle; 24, Reaney, Down; 1, strip; 2, Red Devils (Man. Utd.); 3, Plymouth; 5, move; 6, Sockers; 7, Avenue; 8, David; 12, Ashington; 14, sixty-one; 15, trained; 16, Honest; 18, clean; 20, Tommy; 21, City.



TRANSFER TANGLE

THE following players beat the transfer deadline. Can you identify them and the clubs involved in each deal. To help you, we've added a clue.
PLAYER A: Much-travelled striker who made a surprise move to a club chasing honours.
PLAYER B: Midfielder who played for

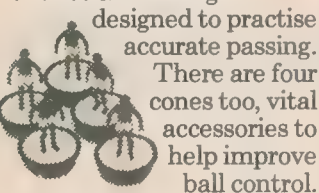
Carlisle, Walsall, Sunderland and Bolton and is now playing in the Third Division.
PLAYER C: Birmingham-born full-back who's moved to the Baseball Ground.
PLAYER D: Striker involved in a three club tangle.

SOLO STYLE

It has been reported that dedicated Subbuteo players have started keeping in trim solo-style.

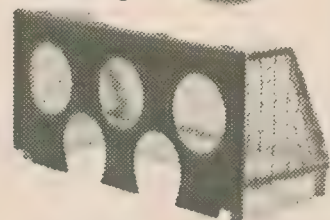
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Challenge

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NEIL'S CAP

SILENCES

THE CRITICS

Neil Webb — problems following in his father's footsteps at Reading.

IT took an England youth cap to convince the cynics that Reading youngster Neil Webb was not living on the reputation of his father's footballing days with the Third Division club.

"It was only after being selected for England youths last season that some people realised that I was being chosen on merit and not because of my father.

"You don't get picked for England because of your father," says the 18-year-old midfielder player, who is Match Weekly's Third Division Matchman of the Month for March.

"It was a problem following in dad's footsteps. With him still being involved at the club as physio and then reserve team manager, I had to withstand the usual taunts of favouritism.

"When I got selected for teams, some people felt I was getting the chance because my father was well in with manager Maurice Evans.

"It was a difficult problem to handle as an apprentice. Dad obviously influenced my career, but he never praised me.

"In fact, he gave me a lot of stick if I did anything wrong. If I thought I had had a good game, he would bring me straight back down again."

But former Reading defender Doug can have few criticisms at the moment as his young son blossoms into one of the brightest talents in the lower divisions.

Several big clubs have been charting the progress of the teenager, who has figured prominently in Reading's promotion challenge with 14 goals.

Career

And he is well aware that he may have to move on if he is to pursue his international path.

"I would love a chance to play in the First Division because that would give me an opportunity to further my international career.

"It's the Under-21's next, but I don't think I'll get much of a chance in the Third Division.

"There are not many players in the lower divisions who get selected for the Under-21's."

But, with Reading pushing for

promotion from the Third

Division, Neil could be one step nearer his ambition next season.

As Reading's top scorer, he's playing his part to get his home town club back into the Second Division after a 24-year absence.

"We've got most of the top teams to play, so our fate is in our own hands," he says.

"We've played more games than most of the contenders and, with more away games away than at home in the remaining weeks, we face a tough test.

"But we can't rely on anyone else. If we don't get promotion, then it will be our own fault."

It's only since his return from Australia with the England youngsters that Neil has suddenly emerged as a goalscorer.

"I had scored only seven goals in 32 games, most of them as a striker, before this season," says Neil, who is also the team's penalty king.

"But in Australia, I was given a more attacking role from midfield and my hat-trick against Egypt boosted my confidence no end.

"There is no doubt that my experience with the England team out there has made me a much better player, particularly near goal."

● Full details of the 'Matchman of the Month' awards for March can be found on page 23 of this week's issue.

Pen pals

I'M a 14-year-old Bolton fan and would like a pen pal of my own age who follows any non-League team. David Jackson, 21 Mellor Grove, Bolton, Greater Manchester BL1 6DA.

I'D like a pen pal who lives in America. I'm an 18-year-old Liverpool fanatic. Carol Boddington, 114 Orchard Crescent, Kettering, Northants NN1 69PS.

LISTENING to Duran Duran, Haircut 100 and Toyah are my interests, as well as following Aston Villa. Alison Wyborn (12), 36 Leas Close, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2EQ.

I'M 18 and would like a pen pal who supports either Leeds or Barnsley or lives in that area of Yorkshire and is between the ages of 15 and 19. Pat Chatiketu, 527 Soi Soonvijai 4, New Petchaburi Road, Huay Khwang District, Bangkok 10 310, Thailand.

I'M a Spurs supporter and Steve Perryman is my favourite player. I'd like to write to a fellow 'Cockerels' fan.

Angela Cronin (13), 484 Vardon Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 5BJ.

FORMER European champions Ajax are my favourite team, but I'd like a pen pal who supports either Coventry, West Brom or Everton. John van Reenan (22), Nootweg 65, 1231 CR Loosdrecht, Holland.

SECOND Division promotion chasers Luton are my favourite team and I'd like a pen pal of my own age who supports anybody. Franco Manco (11), 38 Montrose Avenue, Luton, Beds, LU3 1HR.

I'M 13 years-old and, as well as being a keen football fan, I also enjoy angling and keeping tropical fish. I'd like a pen pal who lives in Saudi Arabia.

Adam Ingledew, 46 Sunstar Grove, Marton Moor, Middlesbrough TS7 8RP.

NOTTINGHAM Forest are my team and John Robertson and Mark Proctor my favourite players. I'd like a pen pal who supports either Spurs or Manchester City. Alison Duffield (16), 54 Lynncroft, Eastwood, Notts.

I'D like a pen pal who lives in West London. I'm a 19-year-old Brentford supporter.

Barry Bates, 38 Elfwee Road, Hanwell, London W7.

Pen pals



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Alan's career could be over

IT could be the end of the road for former Manchester City stalwart Alan Oakes as a player.

At 39, Alan has been sacked as player-manager of Third Division strugglers Chester, and it's unlikely that he will play in the Football League again.

Alan, who made 565 League appearances for City, was dismissed just hours before their home game with Wimbledon. He had been in charge at Sealand Road since 1978.

CHILE

Melvyn Beck's

A-Z WORLD CUP '82

CONTINUING our exciting World Cup series — an A-Z dossier on the Finalists who will oppose each other in Spain.

Each week, up to the start of the Finals, reporter Melvyn Beck will be bringing you a detailed look at the teams competing for the biggest prize in football... highlighting their qualifying records, star players and likely squads.

And watch out for the special 'Match' verdict on each team — with a star rating out of five indicating each country's chances of success.

We have already dealt with Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil and Cameroon.

Second class citizens

CHILE leave their South American domain in the shadows of their illustrious neighbours Argentina and Brazil.

They are unlikely to emerge in Spain from their role as a second class citizen from that Continent with West Germany and Austria the principals barring their way into the second phase.

But manager Luis Santibanez, who has worked hard since 1977 to forge together a squad of experience and youthful



The Chile team — plus a few cheeky young fans who smuggled their way on to the picture — line up prior to their qualifying match against Ecuador in Santiago.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP TWO:

June 17 — Austria (Oviedo)
June 20 — West Germany (Gijon)
June 24 — Algeria (Oviedo)

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1934, 1950, 1962 (third), 1966, 1974.

COLOURS

Shirts: Red; Shorts: Blue; Socks: white.

promise, believes he possesses the most dashing winger in South America.

And, when one considers the oceans of talent that fairly ooze from the camps of Brazil and Argentina, then 20-year-old Patricio Yanez must be something special.

Yanez scored two goals in the qualifying competition when Chile overcame the undaunting threats of Paraguay and Ecuador.

"He is fast, skilful and scores goals," says Santibanez. "The rest of the South American sides don't have a player of his ability."

The young forward from San Luis will be keen to make a big impression in the Finals because he is looking for a big money transfer to one of Europe's leading clubs next season.

Chile's other key man is experienced striker Carlos Caszely, a survivor from the 1974 Finals when the Chileans finished third in their group behind the two German sides.

It was after that competition in West Germany that Caszely took his talents to Spain where he played for Levante and Espanol.

Now he is back home with the Colo-Colo club from which Santibanez has drawn most of his World Cup squad including 35-year-old defender Elias Figueroa, who is a key figure in Chile's defensive planning.

MATCH VERDICT★

CHILE'S only consolation from their expedition to Spain may be a victory over the minnows from Algeria in Group Two.

Neither West Germany or Austria are unlikely to lose much sleep during the first phase of the tournament in the prospect of facing Chile.

They haven't reached any great international heights since finishing third in the 1962 Finals, which they hosted.

● FIRST ROUND EXIT

Left: Patricio Yanez—regarded by Chile's manager as the best winger in South America and definitely a man to watch in Spain.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

SOUTH AMERICA GROUP THREE:

Ecuador 0, Chile 0 — Guayaquil, May 24, 1981.
Paraguay 0, Chile 1 (Yanez) — Asuncion, May 31, 1981.
Chile 2 (Rivas, Caszely), Ecuador 0 — Santiago, June 14, 1981.
Chile 3 (Caszely, Yanez, Neira), Paraguay 0 — Santiago, June 21, 1981.

FINAL TABLE

CHILE	4	3	1	0	6	0	7
Ecuador	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Paraguay	4	1	0	3	3	6	2

LEADING SCORERS: Caszely, Yanez 2, Neira, Rivas 1.

Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Oscar WIRTH	24	Cobrelao	Goalkeeper	10
Marcos CORNEZ	29	Palestino	Goalkeeper	18
Mario OSBEN	30	Colo-Colo	Goalkeeper	29
Mario SOTO	30	Cobrelao	Defender	29
Elias FIGUEROA	35	Colo-Colo	Defender	24
Rene VALENZUELA	25	Univ. Cattolica	Defender	27
Vladimir BIGORRA	26	Univ. de Chile	Defender	22
Mario GALINDO	29	Colo-Colo	Defender	12
Lizardo GARRIDO	23	Colo-Colo	Defender	19
Oscar ROJAS	27	Colo-Colo	Defender	10
Manuel ROJAS	25	Univ. Cattolica	Midfield	33
Eduardo BONVALLET	25	Univ. Cattolica	Midfield	24
Miguel NEIRA	24	Univ. Cattolica	Midfield	26
Rodolfo DUBO	27	Palestino	Midfield	28
Carlos RIVAS	27	Colo-Colo	Midfield	31
Armando ALARCON	28	Cobrelao	Midfield	7
Patricio YANEZ	20	San Luis	Striker	25
Carlos CASZELY	32	Colo-Colo	Striker	22
Gustavo MOSCOSO	25	Univ. Cattolica	Striker	17
Sandrin CASTED	21	Univ. de Chile	Striker	11
Oscar HERRERA	21	Naval CF	Striker	12
Sandrin CASTEC	29	Univ. de Chile	Striker	26



CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Watch their free-kick ace

ONE European star who is eager to prove that his dead-ball prowess can match those of the Brazilians in the World Cup Finals is Czechoslovakia's Antonin Panenka.

And that could spell trouble for England, who face the Czechs in their second group match.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

EUROPEAN GROUP THREE:

Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0 — Cardiff, Nov. 19, 1980.
Czechoslovakia 2 (Nehoda 2), Turkey 0 — Prague, Dec. 3, 1980.
Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3 (Janecka, Kozak, Vizek) — Istanbul, Apr. 15, 1981.
Czechoslovakia 6 (Vizek, Panenka, Nehoda, Edvaldsson o.g., Kozak, Janecka), Iceland 1 — Bratislava, May 27, 1981.
Czechoslovakia 2 (Licka, Stevenson o.g.), Wales 0 — Prague, Sept. 9, 1981.
Iceland 1, Czechoslovakia 1 (Kozak) — Reykjavik, Sept. 23, 1981.
Russia 2, Czechoslovakia 0 — Tbilisi, Oct. 28, 1981.
Czechoslovakia 1 (Vojacek), Russia 1 — Bratislava, Nov. 29, 1981.
LEADING SCORERS: Kozak, Nehoda 3, Vizek, Janecka 2.

FINAL TABLE

Russia	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
CZECH	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

The creative midfield talent, who operates in Austria with Rapid Vienna, was Czechoslovakia's star man when they won the European Championships in 1976 and finished third in 1980.

Like England, it will be the Czechs' first appearance in the World Cup Finals since 1970, and many believe that since their European Championship successes, they have perhaps wandered over the crest of the hill.

They were none too impressive in the qualifying matches, when they just shaded Wales on goal difference after scrambling a point from the Russians in their final match.

But since stamping their passport for Spain, the Czechs have produced some impressive warm-up performances, notably in South America with draws against Brazil and Argentina.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP FOUR:

June 17 — Kuwait (Valladolid).
June 20 — England (Bilbao).
June 24 — France (Valladolid).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1934 (Second), 1938 (Quarter-finals), 1954, 1958, 1962 (Second), 1970.

COLOURS

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They followed that with a patchy 2-1 victory over Greece in front of their own fans but there are signs that England will need to be somewhere near their best to overcome the Czechs.

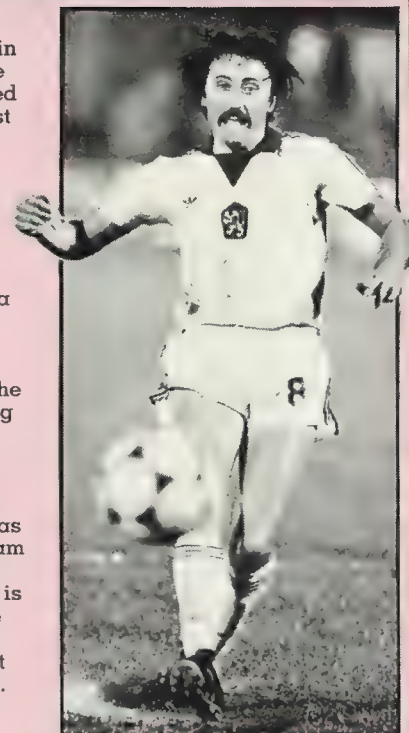
The defence has a very experienced look about it with players like Jozef Barmos, Ladislav Jurkemik and Libor Radimec the principal cornerstones.

In midfield, the wily Panenka orchestrates affairs and has welded a formidable understanding with Dukla Prague's Jan Kozak, who was the joint top scorer in the qualifying matches with three goals.

The other joint top scorer en route to Spain was his Dukla team-mate and international captain Zdenek Nehoda who has been a bastion of the Czech team over the past few years.

The other well-known figure is 31-year-old Marian Masny, the Slovan Bratislava striker who was a real force during the last two European Championships.

The new personalities to emerge in Czech football recently are young strikers Petr Janecka (Brno), Tomas Kriz (Dukla Prague) and Werner Licka (Banik Ostrava).



Antonin Panenka, the Czechoslovakian midfield general who could cause problems for England in Spain.

MATCH VERDICT ★ ★

EVERYONE is regarding France as England's biggest danger to progress in the World Cup Finals.

But there have been increasing signs recently that Czechoslovakia could put a spanner in the works of either of those teams.

One or two of their players, like Nehoda, Masny and Panenka, may be getting a bit long in the tooth, but experience goes a long way in pressure-type situations.

And, after confidence-boosting draws in Brazil and Argentina, they could be finding the right blend in time for Spain.

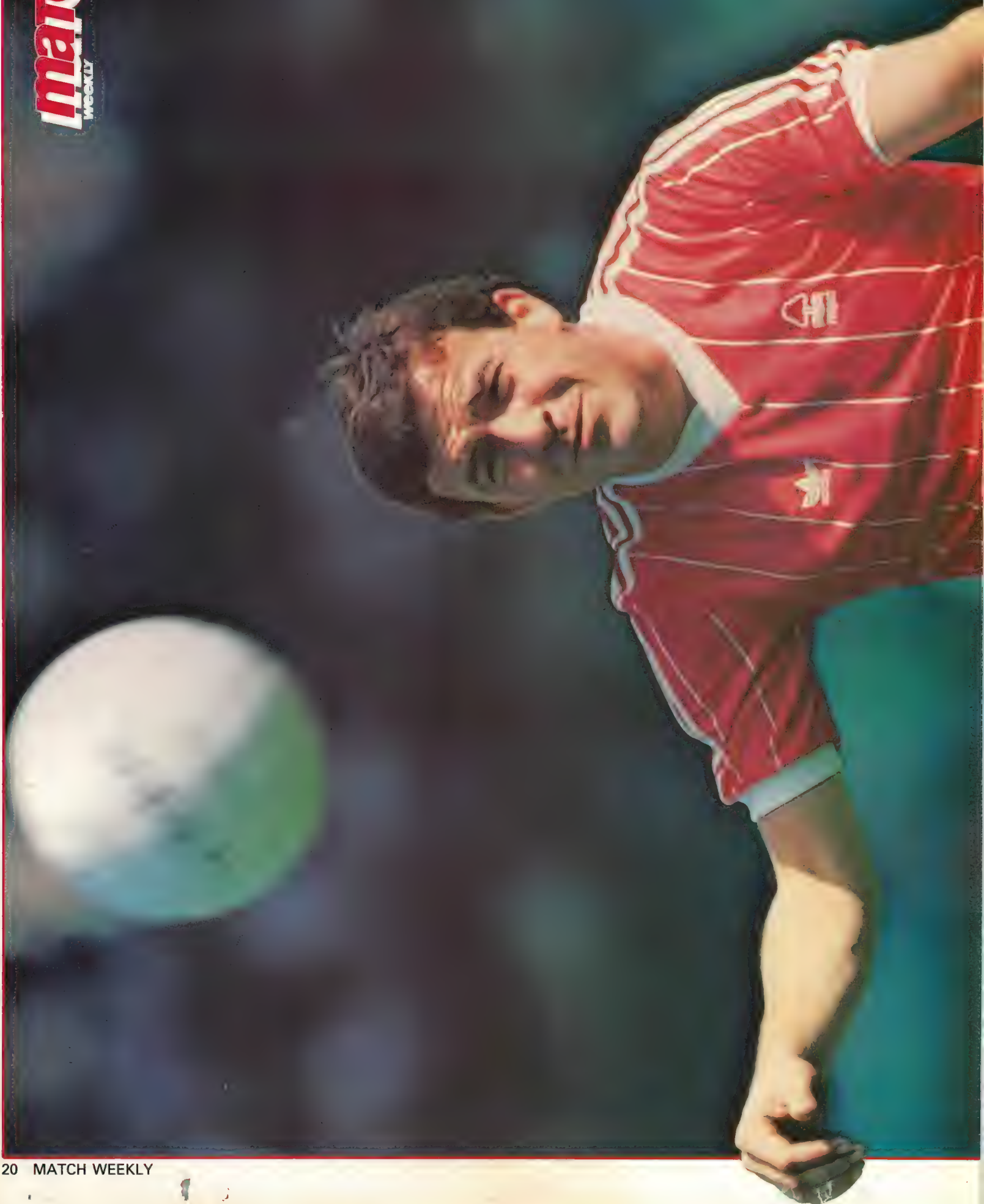
● SECOND ROUND



CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Back row (left to right)—Zdenek Nehoda, Koloman Gogh, Jan Kozak, Anton Ondrus, Jaroslav Netolicka, Frantisek Stambacher. Front row — Miroslav Gadjusek, Ladislav Vizek, Jozef Barmos, Antonin Panenka, Ladislav Jurkemik.

Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Stanislav SEMAN	30	Loko've Kosice	Goalkeeper	12
Zdenek HRUSKA	27	Bohemians	Goalkeeper	14
Jaroslav NETOLICKA	27	Dukla Prague	Goalkeeper	14
Karel STROMSIK	24	Dukla Prague	Goalkeeper	2
Ladislav JURKEMIK	28	Inter-Bratislava	Defender	45
Rostislav VOJACEK	32	Banik Ostrava	Defender	36
Jozef BARMOS	27	Inter-Bratislava	Defender	47
Jan FIALA	26	Dukla Prague	Defender	19
Libor RADIMEC	31	Banik Ostrava	Defender	13
Frantisek JAKUBEC	26	Bohemians	Defender	8
Premysl BICOVSKY	31	Bohemians	Defender	37
Jan KOZAK	28	Dukla Prague	Midfield	54
Frantisek K	29	Dukla Prague	Midfield	22
Antonin PANENKA	32	SC Rapid Vienna	Midfield	56
Petr NEMEC	24	Banik Ostrava	Midfield	5
Jan BERGER	26	Sparta Prague	Midfield	11
Zdenek SREINAR	27	Banik Ostrava	Midfield	4
Ladislav VIZEK	27	Dukla Prague	Striker	33
Zdenek NEHODA	30	Dukla Prague	Striker	84
Marian MASNY	31	Slovan Bratislava	Striker	73
Werner LICKA	27	Banik Ostrava	Striker	9
Zdenek VALEK	24	Banik Ostrava	Striker	1
Petr JANECKA	24	Zbrojovka Brno	Striker	13
Tomas KRIZ	22	Dukla Prague	Striker	3





**JOHN
ROBERTSON**
**NOTTINGHAM
FOREST
AND SCOTLAND**

Where did you get that hat? England captain Kevin Keegan gets in the Spanish mood with team-mate Trevor Brooking on arrival at Bilbao.



BELOW: Down to business and striker Cyrille Regis weaves his way between two Bilbao players during the 1-1 draw. Bryan Robson looks on.



Sombrero superstars



ABOVE: The picturesque Basque countryside forms the backcloth as England coach Don Howe (right) puts West Brom striker Cyrille Regis through his paces at England's training camp.

ON tour with England. In this super picture special, Match Weekly takes you behind the scenes during England's all-important World Cup warm-up match against Athletic Bilbao.



LEFT: The scene outside England's first World Cup base, the Los Tamarises Hotel, just prior to the arrival of the England squad to face Bilbao.

ABOVE: It's the night of the match against Bilbao and England's players get their first good look at the stadium where they will play their opening World Cup matches. From left to right: Tommy Cain, Ray Wilkins, Tony Morley, Cyrille Regis, Nobby Sanson and Bill Thompson.

RUSH TO THE TOP

Liverpool's Ian Rush — First Division 'Matchman of the Month' for the second time in three months.



MATCHMAN of the MONTH

PRESENTING our 'Matchman of the Month' awards for March.

The awards are based on individual player ratings in League matches included in our exclusive Match Facts section.

A player must figure in at least three League matches during the month to qualify.

YOU just can't keep Liverpool striker Ian Rush out of the headlines these days.

For the second time in three months, the First Division's top marksman is Match Weekly's 'Matchman of the Month'.

It completes a remarkable hat-trick for the European Champions because it was Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness who collected the First Division award for February.

Welsh international Ian, enjoying a successful first full season in the top flight, pipped Anfield striking partner Kenny Dalglish for last month's honour.

Both returned an average mark of 7.80 from five League matches, but Ian, a £300,000 buy from Chester, achieved two star ratings to Kenny's one.

Ian, like the other four divisional winners, receives an inscribed plaque.

Filling the next two places are Sunderland goalkeeper Chris Turner and Middlesbrough striker Billy Ashcroft, who are both involved in a desperate relegation battle.

It's particularly noteworthy for Chris, who has only just returned to the Sunderland side after spending most of the season in the shadows of Barry Siddall.

DIVISION ONE

Player	Games	Average
Ian Rush (Liverpool).....	5	7.80
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool).....	5	7.80
Chris Turner (Sunderland).....	4	7.75
Billy Ashcroft (Middlesbrough).....	4	7.75
Danny Thomas (Coventry).....	5	7.60
Gordon Mair (Notts County).....	5	7.60
Adrian Heath (Everton).....	4	7.50
Graeme Sharp (Everton).....	4	7.50
Graeme Souness (Liverpool).....	4	7.50

O'NEILL ON SONG

NORWICH City's Martin O'Neill has hit top form since resuming duties with the Second Division club after a brief interlude with Manchester City.

And that's heartening news for Irish followers with the 'Canaries' star expected to lead Northern Ireland in the World Cup Finals.

His average mark of 8.00 from four matches last month put him clear of Oldham skipper Ged Keegan, and Barnsley striker Colin Walker, a former dustman who has made his mark in recent months.

DIVISION TWO

Player	Games	Average
Martin O'Neill (Norwich).....	4	8.00
Ged Keegan.....	4	7.75
Colin Walker (Barnsley).....	4	7.75
Steve Spriggs (Cambridge).....	3	7.66
Steve Wicks (Q.P.R.).....	6	7.50
John Brownlie (Newcastle).....	6	7.50
Dave Watson (Norwich).....	4	7.50

Webb's feat

READING teenager Neil Webb's contribution to his side's promotion challenge has earned him the Third Division award.

Although sharing the same average mark of 7.66 with February's winner — Chesterfield's Danny Wilson — and Doncaster defender Pat Lally, it was felt that the 18-year-old's outstanding displays were worthy of the honour.

He had scored 14 goals up to the end of March.

DIVISION THREE

Player	Games	Average
Neil Webb (Reading).....	6	7.66
Danny Wilson (Chesterfield).....	6	7.66
Pat Lally (Doncaster).....	3	7.66
Steve Aislewood (Portsmouth).....	4	7.50
Bryan Robson (Carlisle).....	7	7.42

Aitken stars

YORK may be fighting off the threat of seeking re-election, but two of their players are top of the Fourth Division table for March.

Leading the way is recent signing Peter Aitken, who was one of the 'famous eight' sacked by hard-up Bristol City earlier this year.

His average rating of 7.80 puts him just ahead of team-mate Mike Astbury, the young 'keeper who began the season as an apprentice in the reserves.

DIVISION FOUR

Player	Games	Average
Peter Aitken (York).....	5	7.80
Mike Astbury (York).....	4	7.75
David Speedie (Darlington).....	7	7.71
Willie Morgan (Blackpool).....	3	7.66
Chris Price (Hereford).....	8	7.62

FIRST DEGREE, BURNS!

TOMMY Burns, the driving force behind Celtic's bid to retain the Scottish Premier Division championship, is the winner north of the border.

It capped a great month for the talented player who was also recalled to the Scotland

squad for the friendly with Holland.

Player	Games	Average
Tommy Burns (Celtic).....	5	7.80
John Martin (Airdrie).....	5	7.60
Jim McArthur (Hibernian).....	5	7.40
Murdoch MacLeod (Celtic).....	5	7.40

STAR GALLERY

OUTRAGED!

OUTRAGED at something concerning soccer? Then write and tell us about it. But remember, you risk the wrath of 'Match' referee Michael Weavers who may book you or, worse still, send you off!

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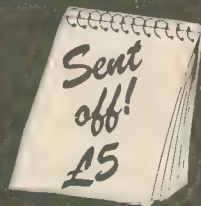
SWITCH HOTELS, ENGLAND

I'M outraged that Ron Greenwood is not going to change England's headquarters in Bilbao before the World Cup Finals start.

The England team are trying to win the World Cup and they need good accommodation so that they can relax.

If it was any other manager, I'm sure he would arrange a more luxurious hotel. Hin-Lun Chan, Carshalton, Surrey.

• ACCORDING to Kevin Keegan, England's Bilbao headquarters are up to scratch. It's just the beach that's polluted. And England's footballers aren't in Spain to get a tan. You're sent off!



Milking the sponsors

I'M outraged at the fact that English football has to resort to sponsors to get out of financial trouble.

Maybe soccer is having a bad time, but turning the League Cup into the Milk Cup is a bit drastic.

Soon we'll be having the "egg and bacon league" and the "jelly and ice cream championships".

Tony French (14), Pinner, Middlesex.

• I SUPPOSE you think Hovis and Country Life should sponsor bread-and-butter games, too! You're booked.

Don't write off Scotland

I AM outraged that so many people have written off Scotland's chances of reaching the second round in this year's World Cup Finals.

It's true that Scotland do have to play in a difficult first round group — against Brazil, Russia and New Zealand — but they still have a great chance of going through.

Scotland's last game against Brazil ended in a 2-0 defeat in 1977, but the Scots held them until the last 20 minutes. And the last time we played Russia, we only lost 1-0.

Kenneth Hamilton, Cumbernauld, Glasgow.

• IF the best case you can make for the Scots is defeats by Brazil and Russia, then I don't fancy them getting through to the second round either! You're booked.

Glory days await the Gunners

ARSENAL have come in for a lot of stick this season. They have been called boring for their overall poor scoring record.

But even if the 'Gunners' don't figure in the Championship battle at the end of the season, they can be proud with what they have achieved.

Manager Terry Neill has resisted the temptation to splash out on a big-name striker, preferring to wait until the right man becomes available.

Instead, he has persisted with his youngsters and they have risen to the occasion. Stewart Robson,

Chris Whyte, Raphael Meade and Paul Davis have all come in and done particularly well for Arsenal.

They will be even better players next season and, with a new goal-scorer, the 'Gunners' can look forward to a great new era.

Richard Page (15), Plumstead, London.

• IN REPLY to recent letters defending Arsenal I think they deserve the title of 'boring'. The only way they will overcome that is to buy a top class striker to replace Frank Stapleton.

Brian Mullens (10), Sidcup, Kent.

BELOW: Manchester City's Trevor Francis has been drawn by Carl Walley (13) of Crewe, Cheshire. He says, "I think he is a good player, especially when he gets in front of goal."

ABOVE: Keith Oakes (13) of Sheffield drew Brighton midfielder Jimmy Case, because he thinks he is a great battler with a match-winning hard shot.

As well as being a reliable defender for Manchester City, Bobby McDonald's recent goal-burst in important matches made John Page (15) of Tottenham, London, enter him for Star Gallery.

ABOVE: Match columnist and England midfielder Glenn Hoddle has been drawn by Andrew Collett (16) of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Andrew says of the Spurs midfielder: "Glenn's one of the masters of the game and Spurs owe him a lot."

PERM CITY

HERE's my 'Perm City' side. All the players have curly hair. Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest), Arthur Albiston (Manchester Utd), Allan Evans (Aston Villa), Kevin Moran (Manchester Utd), Paul Price (Spurs), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), Bryan Robson (Manchester Utd), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Clive Allen (QPR), Graham Rix (Arsenal). Sub: Mike Hazard (Spurs). Ray Minns, Norwich, Norfolk.



Paul Price — the Spurs defender is in Ray Minns' 'Perm City' side.

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I'm speechless!

I'm so annoyed with the Austrian referee who denied Liverpool a chance of winning the European Cup. In the Quarter-Final second leg in Sofia, he:

- Disallowed Ian Rush's goal.
- Refused to give Liverpool at least three penalties.
- Let Sofia players knock the Liverpool team around.
- Booked David Johnson.
- Let Sofia waste time.
- Sent Mark Lawrenson off.

I'm not just being a bad sport. I'm proud of my team. But when Liverpool come up against decisions like that, well... I'm speechless!

Paula Wright, West Derby, Liverpool.

Legends lift Darlington

AS a supporter of Darlington, I would like to express my thanks to two football legends — Bobby Charlton and Malcolm MacDonald — who have both attended fund-raising events for the 'Quakers' £50,000 appeal.

Bobby came to a public meeting in Darlington and 'Supernac' played in a fund-raising game which 5,500 people attended.

Thanks a million, Bobby and Malcolm. With your help, we Darlington fans will make sure the club goes on for ever.

Alan Curry, Darlington.

A WARNING FOR SPURS

THE same newspapers that were tipping Ipswich for the League title last season are now making Tottenham their title favourites.

Haven't they learned their lesson? The same problem that brought Ipswich's downfall last year — fixture congestion — threatens Spurs' Championship bid.

Ipswich were in contention for all the main prizes but too many

important games in such a short period meant that they had to settle for just one trophy, the UEFA Cup.

Spurs would do well to heed the warning... and concentrate on winning just one major prize. C. Grainger, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

MARADONA IS A WANTED MAN

HOW narrow-minded it was of Football League secretary Graham Kelly to say that the League would not be in favour of Diego Maradona's proposed move to Arsenal.

Kelly said that players outside the EEC would not get a work permit to play in this country.

That's daft! When football attendances are falling all over the country, a crowd-pulling personality of Maradona's capabilities could reverse the trend.

Maradona is the world's number one player. Millions would want to see him in action.



By keeping out the world's best players, the Football League is cutting its own throat. Martin Clementson, Vigo Village, Kent.

Make them eat their words, Ron

RON Greenwood is approaching the end of his often-criticised reign as England manager.

When England lost to Switzerland, the media gave him some terrible stick. But Ron soldiered on, stayed loyal to his team and eventually got England through to the World Cup Finals.

Even when England had qualified for Spain, Ron's team came under attack from France and Belgium because of the team's seeding as past winners.

I just hope Ron rams the words back down the critics' throats in Spain and signs off as England boss in a blaze of glory.

Let's hope Ron's contribution to English football is held in the same reverence as Sir Alf Ramsey's. Derek Lynch, London.

Steve's a star

I WAS really delighted when Southampton's Steve Moran was voted Young Player of the Year by the Professional Footballers Association.

Although Steve is missing from the Southampton attack because of injury, this award must have cheered him.

Just think of the players who finished behind Steve in the voting — Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan and Ian Rush to name just two.

And Steve has had to force his way into a Southampton side full of household names such as Kevin Keegan, Mike Channon and Alan Ball.

It was a great achievement for Steve. I hope Ron Greenwood takes note and gives Steve a full international chance when he comes off the injured list.

Andrew Cole, Romsey, Hampshire.

GOLDEN GOOF

SCOTLAND should have had no trouble fielding a team to play Mexico. According to this newspaper cutting, the only qualification is that the players should be aged under 188!

Ian Kerr of Leeds spotted this Golden Goof.

SCOTLAND'S Under-188 squad have agreed to play Mexico on March 31 at a venue still to be decided. The Mexicans, hosts to the 1983 FIFA World Youth Cup, are touring Europe for experience.

Clubs should look to youth

WHY don't football clubs employ youngsters on the Youth Opportunity scheme?

This would be beneficial to all concerned. The clubs might discover some hidden talent and the youngsters would get to see what happens behind the scenes at a football club.

Henry Milburn, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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HEATH GOES FLAT OUT

OUR 'Target' Spain spotlight this week falls on Everton's young midfielder star Adrian Heath and his bid to graduate from Under-21 level to the full England side.

EVERTON'S record signing Adrian Heath accepts that he's an outsider for the England World Cup squad.

But that doesn't stop the bundle of midfield energy from going flat out for a place in Spain.

"I must stand an outside chance of going to the World Cup Finals, but I'm not building up my hopes too high. That way, you only get disappointed.

"I can't see Ron Greenwood looking further than Steve Coppell, Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins and Trevor Brooking. They are the men who got him there.

"There's been a lot of criticism levelled at the older players in the England team. People have been saying that if they are over 30, they should make way for younger players.

"I don't agree. They are still doing it for England and deserve to be there on merit. Their experience will count for a lot out there," said Adrian, who joined Everton from Stoke for £700,000 earlier this season.

Incentive

"Having said that, Ron Greenwood might decide to take a couple of younger players with him to give them the experience.

"That's a tremendous incentive to players like myself. I'd relish the chance of going there and sampling the atmosphere of a World Cup Finals."

Although Adrian hasn't written off his World Cup hopes, he's set himself a more likely target of becoming an England regular in time for the European Championships in France in 1984.

"By that time, I'll be two years older, two years stronger and two years more experienced.

"I'm only 21 so I've got time on



Above: Adrian Heath — "The older players in the England team deserve to be there on merit, but I must stand an outside chance of going to Spain."

Left: Ray Wilkins — one of the players who got England to Spain. "I can't see Ron Greenwood looking further than players like him, Steve Coppell, Bryan Robson and Trevor Brooking," says Adrian Heath.



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ADRIAN HEATH

my side. If I don't make this World Cup, there's a chance that I could play in the next one."

Adrian has picked up six England Under-21 caps since

scoring twice on his debut against Rumania at Swindon last year.

"When I was selected to represent England, it was the proudest moment of my career. The prospect of playing for my country is the thought that keeps me going.

"I've been happy with my performances in the Under-21 side. I feel I've given a good account of myself.

"I love being involved in the international scene. It's a great experience because it's so totally different from League football.

"International football is a whole new ball game. You are up against different styles and technically better players who have more skills in their repertoire."

Adrian is the man Everton manager Howard Kendall believes can become the driving force behind his exciting young side and the key midfielder says:

"I feel I've started to get my form back now and I'm enjoying my football. If I can keep playing well and scoring the odd goal, I believe my senior chance will come in the England team."

Adrian made the move from

his home town club, Stoke, because he believed it would enable him to further his international career and help him win honours.

"Everton is a big name club that's always in the public eye. It's got to improve my chances."

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The DAVID CROSS column

The West Ham striker brings you more news and views from Upton Park.

We're back on course

Right: Billy Bonds may be out of action for the rest of the season.



THREE successive away wins have pointed West Ham back in the direction of Europe, but it's our home game form that could check our progress towards a place in the UEFA Cup next season.

Our odd goal victories at Middlesbrough, Swansea and Manchester City were hewn out of solid, cautious performances that frustrated the hosts.

They were not particularly defensive in the true sense of the word, but we all appreciate that our fans wouldn't accept that kind of unspectacular display at Upton Park, even if it meant success.

We are always under pressure

at home to produce entertaining football because that is in the club's pedigree and it is what the 30,000 supporters who turn up have come to expect.

That support would be cut by half if we lowered the level of entertainment, but it is a dilemma for manager John Lyall.

We are finding it increasingly difficult to break down visiting sides, as was underlined when Nottingham Forest beat us 1-0.

Deep down we feel we may have to revise our approach to home matches, but we are also very conscious of our duty to the paying public.

Maximum points from our last three away games was unexpected because it's not an easy task to succeed away from home, let alone three times on the trot.

But it has boosted confidence no end in the Hammers' camp and, despite all our injury problems, we believe we are back on the right course for a place in Europe.

I missed the 3-2 win at Middlesbrough through illness, but in the 1-0 success at Swansea I could detect the frustration in their approach which we have often felt in home matches.

We grabbed an early goal through Francois Van der Elst before the pattern of play was established, and from that moment Swansea had a big hurdle to climb.

Although they were obviously

capable of saving the game, they were equally conscious of the fact that we completed the 'double' over them last season and that we are a difficult side to break down when in front.

They became desperate as the game progressed, but it was easy to see why they have made such a big impression on the First Division this season.

As for Manchester City, I would imagine that they were very disappointed with their performance when we beat them 1-0.

Maine Road is always a very daunting place to play, but City seemed to miss the inspiration of Trevor Francis.

They are a very solid side, as one would expect from a team under manager John Bond, and up to the point when Paul Goddard struck the winner in the closing quarter it was anybody's game.

But we completed a tremendous away hat-trick and we must now look forward to the rest of the season with some relish.

It's not gone unnoticed that, prior to the Easter games, I hadn't scored since the end of January, when we defeated West Brom 3-1 at Upton Park.

I have missed three or four games through injury and illness, but it works out at about eight games without a goal.

A few season ago I would have worried myself sick about such a lean spell because I used to live or die on my goalscoring record.

But I am more than satisfied with my contribution to the side, particularly away from home, where Paul Goddard and myself have been forced into plenty of hard running.

One big blow to our hopes of a place in Europe is the loss of skipper Billy Bonds, who has a bout of jaundice that could keep him out for the rest of the season.

He is an inspiration to the side by simply being a good player.

Geoff Pike is also out of action with a knee injury and so it must be satisfying for John Lyall to see that the level of performance hasn't been affected by their absence.

Young Paul Allen is playing well in Geoff's role, while Alvin Martin has returned at the back after being out of action.

You wouldn't know he had been out looking at the way he played at Swansea and Manchester City and he looks as though he is ready to do a job for England in the World Cup Finals.

● David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck.

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MARRIED: Yes, to Lorraine.
CHILDREN: Zoe (4 1/2) and Steven (1 1/2).
CAR: Daimler Sovereign 4.2.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: I had various jobs.
CLUB NICKNAME: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: Kidney operation, 1978.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Frank Stapleton — he'd score goals for any team.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Arsenal.
FAVOURITE PLAYER ABROAD: Alan Hudson — now playing in America. The best midfield player for the last 10 years.
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BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Cardiff in the League Cup in 1980/81 season. I took the ball from the edge of our

box, played a couple of one-two's and then slipped it between the 'keeper and the centre half as he came out.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: John Bumstead for Chelsea v Charlton this season, a 30-yarder that dipped over 'keeper Nicky Johns.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: John Toshack.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our 1-0 win over Manchester City in the Semi-Final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1971.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: After only four months in football, being sub in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final v Real Madrid in 1971. We won 2-1 in a replay.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: All the good players that have left Chelsea.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Horse racing and snooker.
LIKES: Foreign food and time spent with my family.
DISLIKES: Shopping and rude people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW:

Minder.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads and anything religious.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything foreign.
FAVOURITE DRINK: White wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Candice Bergen.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Onion Field.
BEST FRIEND: Geoff Phillips (my business partner).
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Bad press reporting.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and healthy.
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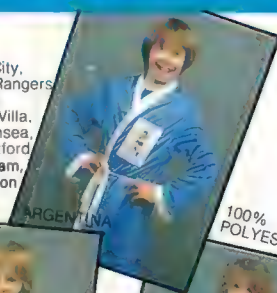
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And if, as expected, he is selected for Italy's opening first round clash with Poland in Vigo on June 14, it could coincide with his 100th appearance for his country.

Yet, two years ago, it seemed highly unlikely that Dino (Papa is Italian for grandad) would ever grace a World Cup Finals again.

He did not have a good European Championships with Italy.

And two years earlier — in the Argentina World Cup Finals of '78 — Dino took much of the blame for the two Dutch goals which earned Holland a 2-1 win and a place in the Final.

But Dino, who plays in the same Juventus side as former Arsenal star Liam Brady, has recovered from both blows to regain his stature as the best goalkeeper in Italy and one of the best in Europe.

Certainly he will be one of the

DINO ZOFF

The grandfather of Italy's goalkeepers

most experienced in Spain.

But he does not let his age worry him.

Says Dino: "Once you get past a certain age, it doesn't count so much. People make too much of age."

"When I was 40 last February, I felt as though my reflexes were as good as ever."

"I actually feel younger since Argentina and they told me I was finished then."

"I got the blame for the two long shots from Haan and Brandts and I was very down."

"But I have lifted myself again. My wife helped and now I am

back, I know it will not happen again. Life is best lived just for the present."

"I just want to keep doing my best for Juventus and Italy and continue enjoying the game."

Being a northerner, he is dedicated, almost cool in his professionalism. He is highly talented, agile, positionally clever but, not unnaturally, is losing his pace.

Born in Marino del Friuli in February 1942, Dino is a man of many records.

Until an unknown Haitian called Sanon beat him in the World Cup in 1974, he had not

conceded a goal in 1,143 minutes of football — a phenomenal record.

His career saw him make his debut for local club Udinese in 1961, Mantova signed him in 1963, Naples in 1967 and Juventus in 1972.

He played in the 1973 European Cup Final and holds his country's record for international caps.

National team boss Enzo Bearzot says of Dino: "Of all the players I have looked after in the last seven years, none of them have exceeded Dino's youthful spirit, thirst for knowledge and love of football."

Dino's records back up Bearzot's praise. Between 1961 and 1982, in 21 seasons of League football, Dino conceded just 402 goals — an average of 18 a year. Even in defence-minded Italy, that's a fantastic feat.

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So the message is clear — the World's top strikers will need their best shooting boots on to beat Dino Zoff.

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Says the boss of the World Cup favourites: "Football is a very serious profession in my mind, although I know there are some who think it can be treated as a

joke.

"And total discipline is needed because it is a very great honour to wear the shirt of Brazil.

"My football philosophy is very simple. When the other team have the ball we have to defend... and everyone in the team has to defend, not just a few of them.

"But when we have the ball we must all attack together — even the goalkeeper if necessary.

"And we must play with imagination."

WATCH OUT FOR JULIO

ONE man to watch in Spain could be Peru's Julio Cesar Uribe.

The 24-year-old Sporting Cristal striker has dislodged Teofilio Cubillas as his country's main scoring hope.

He was Peru's top scorer in 1979 and 1980 and when he broke into

the national side he said: "I've just got to go out and prove I'm too good to leave out of the team."

And Julio reckons the current Peru team is better than the ones that raised a few eyebrows in Mexico and Argentina during the seventies.

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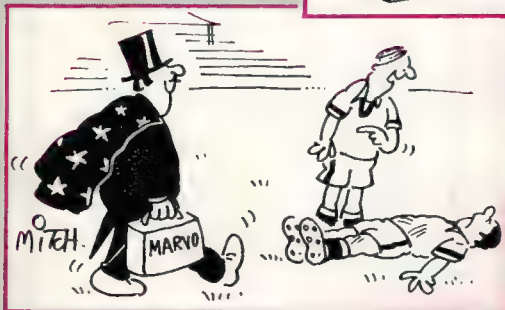
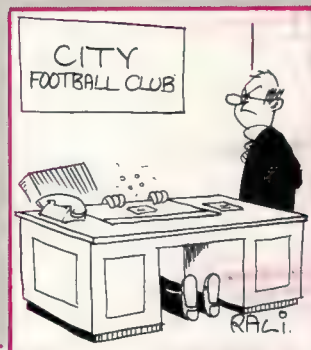
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- ★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

Sunday, April 4

Division Four

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (McFadden 85)
CREWE (0) 0
Att: 2,206
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 6, Liddle 6, Wicks 5, Skipper 7, Stalker 5, ★**McFADDEN** 8, McLean 6, Hawker 6, Hamilton 5 (sub Honour 6), Walsh 6
Crewe: Chesters 7, Lewis 6, Griffiths 6, Salathiel 6, ★**SCOTT** 8, Palios 5, Haslegrave 5, Keighley 7, Entwistle 6, Ricketts 5, Williams 7
Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

Monday, April 5

Division Four

MANSFIELD (0) 0
YORK (1) 2 (Laverick 24, Ford 85)
Att: 2,388
Mansfield: Arnold 5, Bird 6, Foster 5, Bell 5, Burrows 5, Wood 5, Mann 6, Caldwell 5 (sub ★**WOODHEAD** 7), Lumby 5, Nicholson 6, Parkinson 5
York: Astbury 5, Sweeney 6, Dawson 5, Hood 5, Czuczman 6 (sub Crosby 5), Smith 6, Ford 6, Aitken 5, ★**WALWYN** 8, Byrne 7, Laverick 5
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, April 6

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
EVERTON (1) 2 (Heath 37 secs, Ainscow 59)
Att: 12,273
Birmingham: Wealands 5, Langan 7, Hawker 5, Van den Hauwe 6, Scott 5, Curbishley 6, Van Mierlo 5 (sub. Phillips 6), Dillon 6, ★**HARFORD** 8, Evans 6, Whatmore 6
Everton: ★**SOUTHALL** 9, Borrowes 6, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 6, Wright 6 (sub. Eastoe 6), McMahon 7, Irvine 6, Heath 7, Sharp 6, Ainscow 6, Ross 7
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 0
Att: 15,494
Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Nattrass 5, Bailey 7, McAndrew 7, Baxter 7, Wood 7, Bolton 6, Otto 7, ★**HODGSON** 8, Ashcroft 7, Thomas, D 7
Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Gray, F 6, Hird 7, Hart 7, ★**BURNS** 8, Thomas, G 6, Graham 6, Worthington 6, Connor 7, Parlane 7
Referee: H. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 3 (Marustik 59, Curtis 80, Latchford 89)
WEST BROM (1) 1 (Mackenzie 45)
Att: 15,744
Swansea: Davies 7, ★**MARUSTIK** 9, Hadziabdic 7, Irwin 6, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 7, Curtis 8, James, R 6, Stanley 7 (sub. James, L 8), Stevenson 6, Latchford 6
West Brom: Grew 7, Arthur 6, Statham 6, Bennett 6 (sub. Brown 6), ★**WILE** 8, Robertson 6, Zondervan 6, Cross 6, Regis 7, Owen 6, Mackenzie 6
Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 3 (Martin 47, Goddard 51, 67)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Richards 13)
Att: 20,651
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 7, Orr 6, Martin 7, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 7, ★**GODDARD** 8, Cross 6, Brooking 6, Allen 7
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6, Matthews 6, Pender 7, Coy 6, ★**HIBBITT** 8, Carr 6, Richards 7, Eves 6, Clarke 6
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

QPR (3) 3 (Hazell 27, Flanagan 31, Stainrod 39)
ORIENT (0) 0
Att: 10,531
QPR: Hucker 7, Fenwick 7, Gillard 7, Waddock 7, Hazell 8, Roeder 7, Currie 8, Flanagan 7, ★**ALLEN** 9, Stainrod 6 (sub. Stewart), Micklewhite 8
Orient: ★**DAY** 9, Foster 6, Peach 5, Fisher 5, Gray 5, Banjo 6, Godfrey 5, Taylor, T 6, Houchen 7, Silkman 6, Sussex 5 (sub. McNeill 6)
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (1) 4 (Edwards 9, 64, Carrodus 52, Ronson 61)
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Varadi 8, 62)
Att: 4,517

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 8, Hill 7, Bater 8, Davis 8, Dowman 8, Ronson 8, Leman 7, McNeil 7, ★**EDWARDS** 9, Fox 8, Carrodus 8
Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 6, Saunders 6, Treweek 6 (sub. Wharton), Carney 6, Haddock 6, Mills 7, Martin 8, ★**VARADI** 9, Cartwright 7, Waddle 7
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Chandler 79)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Lee 8)
Att: 4,329
Bristol City: Shaw 6, Stevens 7, Williams 7, Musker 7, Boyle 6, Nicholls 6, Bray 7, Chandler 7, ★**NEWMAN** 8, Carter 6, Hay 6
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Parker 6, Rushbury 7, Larkin 7, Ashurst 7, Craig 6, Ritchie 5, Haigh 6, ★**ROBSON** 8, Lee 6, Staniforth 5
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (1) 3 (Coney 10, Davies 58, 75)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Snodin, 130)
Att: 5,081
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 6, ★**BROWN** 8, Gale 7, Davies 7, Wilson 7, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 6, Lock 6
Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 6, Cooper 7, ★**SNODIN** 18, Cawthorne 7, Wigginton 6, Lally 6, Liddell 7, Douglas 7, Snodin, G 6, Little 7
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 3 (Sitton 70, Lee 77, 80)
CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Henderson 10, 21)
Att: 5,111
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Weatherly 6, Sitton 7, Powell 7, Tydeman 6 (sub. Lee 7), ★**GREWCOCK** 8, Cascarino 6, Price 7
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Stirk 7, O'Neill 6, Wilson 7, Pollard 7, Ridley 6, Robinson 6 (sub. Bellamy 6), ★**HENDERSON** 8, Bonnyman 7, Athersych 6, Crawford 6
Referee: M. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Horrix 82)
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 3 (Lillis 27, Cowling 32, Wilson 52)
Att: 3,507
Millwall: Sansome 4, Martin 5, Madden 5, Chatterton 6, Allardyce 6, Roberts 5, Shinton 5, Massey 4, Hayes 4 (sub. ★**HORRIX** 7), Neal 5, West 6
Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Valentine 8, Hanvey 7, ★**LILLIS** 9, Kennedy 7, Hotte 7, Wilson 8, Cowling 7
Referee: M. Dimplebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Rafferty 28)
PRESTON (0) 1 (O'Riordan 85)
Att: 6,712
Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, ★**SULLIVAN** 7, Doyle 5, Garner 6, Ellis 6, Berry 5, Rafferty 6, Senior 6, Wembleton 5, Crown 5
Preston: ★**HODGE** 7, Anderson 5 (sub Walsh 6), McAteer 6, Naughton 5, Booth 6, O'Riordan 6, Kelly 5, Doyle 6, Elliott 5, Buckley 5, Bruce 6
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Lucas 63)
STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Park 76)
Att: 1,304
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Briley 5, Scott 5, Wanklyn 4, Bennett 6, Jopling 6, Lucas 7, ★**MCDONALD** 8, Garwood 5, Brodie 6, Robinson 7
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Emmerson 5, Thorpe 7, Smith 6, Williams 6, Phillips 7, Sunley 7, Park 6, ★**STAFFORD** 8
Referee: I. Borrett (Diss)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (1) 1 (Madden 32)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Laidlaw 13)
Att: 2,398
Bury: Brown 7, Howard 6, Kennedy 6, Gore 5 (sub. Mullen 6), Hilton, P 6, Bramhall 6, ★**MADDEN** 8, Butler 7, Johnson 6, Jakub 5, Smith 6
Hereford: Brand 7, Price 6, Bartley 7, Pejic 6, Hicks 5, ★**MUSIAL** 8, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 6, McGrellis 6, Showers 5, White 7
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
HULL (0) 1 (Mutrie 80)
Att: 1,736
Rochdale: Crawford 7, Weir 7, Snookes 7, Burke 6 (sub. Esser), Taylor 6, Dolan 6, Goodwin 6, ★**HAMILTON** 8, Hilditch 6, Wellings 6, Martinez 6
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 6, Booth 7, Roberts 7, Thompson 7, Davies 6, ★**MARWOOD** 8, McClaren 7 (sub. Ferguson 6), Flounders 6, Mutrie 7, Richards 7
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Semi-Final, Replay

RANGERS (2) 3 (Johnstone 10, Bett 30, Cooper 52)
FORFAR (1) 1 (Brash, pen 43)
Att: 11,864 (At Hampden)
Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, McClelland 6, Jackson 6, Bett 7, ★**COOPER** 8, Russell 6, Johnstone 7, Redford 6, MacDonald 6
Forfar: Kennedy 7, Bennett 6, McPhee 7, Brown 7, Brash 6, Allan 6, Gallacher 6, Farningham 7, ★**HANCOCK** 8, Leitch 6 (sub. Watt), Clark 6 (sub. Porter)
Referee: K. Hope (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

RAITH (3) 3 (Ballantyne 10, 20, Gibson 41)
KILMARNOCK (2) 3 (Bryson 2, Clarke 34, Bourke 77)
Att: 1,025

Wednesday, April 7 European Cup Semi-Final, First Leg

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Morley 27)
ANDERLECHT (Belgium) (0) 0
Att: 38,539

Other result: CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 4 (Dimitrov, Yonchev 2, Zdrayko pen), Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 3 (Duernburger, Hoeness, Breitner).

European Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final, First Leg

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Roberts 85)
BARCELONA (Spain) (0) 1 (Olmo 59)
Att: 41,555

Other results: Dynamo Tbilisi (Russia) 0, Standard Liege (Belgium) 1 (Daerden).

UEFA Cup Semi-Final, First Leg

Radnicki (Yugoslavia) 2, Hamburg (W. Germany) 1; Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) 1, Gothenburg (Sweden) 1.

European U-21 Championship Quarter-Final, Second Leg

ENGLAND (2) 2 (Hateley 6, 14)
POLAND (0) 2 (Biernat 63, Baran 74)
Att: 6,680 (At West Ham)
(England win 4-3 on aggregate)

Division One

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Johnston 63)
Att: 50,967
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6, ★**WILKINS** 8, Moran 6, Buchan 6 (sub. Grimes), Robson 7, McGarvey 6, Stapleton 5, Moses 7, Coppell 5
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 7, Kennedy 6, Whelan 6, Thompson 5, Daiglish 6, ★**LEE** 8, Rush 6, Johnston 6, Souness 6 (sub. McDermott 6)
Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

MATCH

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (West 64)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Steggles 86)
 Att: 11,845
Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 6, Munro 6, Hindmarch 6, Chisholm 7, Elliott 7, Buckley 7, West 7, Rowell 6, ★**PICKERING 8**, Cummins 7.
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, McCall 6, Mills 7 (sub. O'Callaghan), Osman 7, Steggles 7, Wark 6, Muhren 7, D'Avray 7, Brazil 7, ★**GATES 8**.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

CHELSEA (3) 4 (Hutchings 3, Lee 17, 21, Fillery 84)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Smith, pen 59)
 Att: 6,192
Chelsea: Francis 7, ★**LEE 9**, Hutchings 8, Nutton 7, Droy 8, Pates 8, Rhoades-Brown 7, Chivers 7, Walker 7 (sub. Britton), Mayes 7, Fillery 8.
Cambridge: Key 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Smith 7, Fallon 6, ★**NICHOLLS 8**, Cartwright 6, O'Neill 7, Gibbins 6, Reilly 6 (sub. Goldsmith), Finney 7.
Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

OXFORD (2) 5 (Fogg, pen 14, Shotton 19, Thomas 61, Lawrence 79, Foley 84)
SWINDON (0) 0
 Att: 7,354
Oxford: Burton 6, Fogg 7, Smithers 6, Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Lawrence 7, Foley 7, Habberd 6, ★**BROCK 8**, Jeffrey 6 (sub. Thomas 7).
Swindon: Allan 5, Henry 5, Baddeley 5, Williams 6, Lewis 5, Stroud 5, Abbley 5, Carter, R 6, Quinn 5, Carter, M 6, ★**GRAHAM 7**.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Semi-Final, Replay

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (McGhee 5, Simpson 36, Weir 75)
ST MIRREN (1) 2 (McAvennie 18, Somner 55)
 Att: 15,633 (At Dens Park)
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Rougie 6, McMaster 7, Cooper 6, McLeish 7, Miller 6.
★**STRACHAN 8**, Simpson 6, McGhee 7, Hewitt 6, Weir 7.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Beckett 7, McCormack 6, ★**RICHARDSON 8**, Fulton 6 (sub. Fitzpatrick), Copland 6, McDougall 6, Stark 7 (sub. Bone), Somner 6, McAvennie 6, Scanlon 6.
Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)
Match Rating: ★★★

Premier Division

MORTON (0) 1 (Rooney 88)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Milne 71)
 Att: 1,500
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, ★**ROONEY 8**, McLoughlin 6, Duffy 6, Ring 7, Docherty 6 (sub. McNeil), Cochrane 6, Hutchison 6 (sub. Busby), Ritchie 6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 6, Stark 6, Gough 7, Hegarty 7, ★**NAREY 8**, Bannion 7, Milne 6, Kirkwood 6, Reilly 6, Dodds 6.
Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★

PARTICK (1) 4 (Johnston 43, 47, Watson 54, O'Hara 65)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Thompson 87)
 Att: 3,000
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Lapsley 7, Anderson 6, Dunlop 6, ★**WATSON 8**, Park 7, Doyle 7, Johnston 7 (sub. Higgins), O'Hara 6, Jardine 7.
Airdrie: Martin 6, Anderson, G 6, Rodger 6, Walker 7, March 7, Anderson, N 6, Flood 6, ★**McKEOWN 8**, Clark 6, Gordon 6, McGuire 6.

Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

First Division

DUMBARTON (2) 3 (Donnelly, pen 14, pen 43, Montgomery 64)
AYR (1) 1 (McInally 19)
 Att: 282
FALKIRK (0) 0
EAST STIRLING (1) 3 (McGorm 42, Kettings 72, McCall 82)
 Att: 1,500

Second Division

BERWICK (0) 2 (O'Connor 47, 63)
ALLOA (0) 0
 Att: 870
STIRLING ALBION (0) 0
EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Thompson 31, O'Brien 71)
 Att: 350

Friday, April 9

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 0
 Att: 11,044
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 5, Rathbone 5, ★**SPEIGHT 8**, Keeley 6, Fazackerley 6, Miller 5, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5, Garner 5, Brotherton 6.
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Edwards 6, Ryan 6, Keegan 5, ★**FIRM 8**, Hoolickin 6, Wylde 5, Heaton 6, Palmer 6, McDonough 5, Atkinson 5.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (0) 3 (Whymark 52, Moore, K 75, Waters 77)
BARNLEY (2) 2 (Walker 7, 43)
 Att: 12,158
Grimsby: ★**BATCH 8**, Moore, D 7, Crosby 6, Waters 7, Stone 7, Moore, K 7, Broly 5 (sub. Ford), Kilmore 6, Whymark 7, Mitchell 6.

Cumming 5.
Barnley: Horn 6, Longden 6, Martin-Chambers 7, Glavin 7, Banks 7, ★**McCARTHY 8**, Law 7, Walker 7, Aylott 7, McHale 6, Birch 7.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

WATFORD (0) 1 (Barnes 76)
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Giles 42)
 Att: 18,224
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Roston 7, Taylor 7, Terry 7, Bolton 7, Callaghan 6, Blissett 7, Jenkins 6 (sub. Armstrong 7), ★**LOHMANN 8**, Barnes 7.
Crystal Palace: ★**BARRON 9**, Lovell 6, Hinshelwood 6, Price 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Giles 7, Smillie 6, Brooks 6, Mabbutt 6, Hilaire 7.
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 4 (Johnson 65, 88, Booker 75, McNichol 77)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (West 78)
 Att: 7,460
Brentford: McKellar 7, McNichol 7, Tucker 6, Salmen 5, Whitehead 6, Booker 6, Kamara 7, ★**JOHNSON 8**, Bowen 5, Bowles 6, Roberts 7.
Millwall: ★**SANSOME 8**, Martin 6, Madden 5, Chatterton 5, Allardyce 4, Roberts 5, Dibble 6, Massey 5 (sub. Anderson 5), Shinton 6, Horrix 6, West 7.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Allardyce (Millwall)

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Nisbet 44, Sims 50)
EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow, pen 58)
 Att: 9,458
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 5, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 5, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 6, ★**SIMS 8**, McCartney 7, Rogers 6.
Exeter: ★**BOND 8**, Rogers, A 5, Mitchell 6, Giles 5, Foster 5, Roberts, P 6, Pratt 7, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 5, Delve 5, Robertson 6.

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MATCH MATCH

Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHEND (2) 2 (Cusack, pen 12, Mercer 38)

WIMBLEDON (0) 0

Att: 4,779

Southend: Cawston 8, Stead 6, Yates 8, Pountney 8, Moody 7, Cusack 7, Greaves 6, Phillips 8, Spence 7, ★**MERCER 9**, Otulakowski 8.

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Brown 7, Armstrong 6, Smith 6, Morris 6, ★**DOWNES 8**, Gage 7, Joseph 6, Evans 6, Hodges 7, Lazarus 6 (sub. Elliott 6).

Referee: V. A. Callow (Solihull)

Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Hockaday 68)
WIGAN (0) 2 (Houghton 49, Bradd 67)

Att: 9,431

Blackpool: Hesford 6, Simmonite 6, Brockbank 6, Deary 5, Hart 5, Noble 7, ★**MORGAN 8**, McAvoy 5 (sub. Harrison 7), Bamber 7, Hockaday 6, Pashley 5.

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 7, Glenn 6, Taylor 7, Lloyd 7, Methven 7, O'Keefe 7, ★**BARRON 8**, Bradd 7, Houghton 7, Weston 6.

Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Saturday, April 10

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 1 (Hart 51)

Att: 14,497

Birmingham: Wealds 6, ★**BROADHURST 8**, Hawker 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Scott 6, Curbishley 6, Phillips 6, Dillon 6, Harford 7 (sub. Handysides 5), Evans 5, Whatmore 5, Leeds: ★**LUKIC 8**, Hird 6, Gray, E 6, Thomas 6, Hart 6, Burns 7, Parlame 6, Graham 5, Worthington 5, Connor 7, Barnes 5.

Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)

Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Ritchie 66, Robinson 84)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Talbot 56)

Att: 21,019

Brighton: Digweed 7, Shanks 6, Nelson 6, Case 5, Foster 6, Gattling 6, Stevens 6, ★**RITCHIE 8**, Robinson 7, McNab 6, Thomas 6.

Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 7, ★**TALBOT 8**, O'Leary 6, Whyte 6, Meade 6, Sunderland 7, Davis 6, Robson 6, Nicholas 6.

Referee: T. Glasdon (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

EVERTON (1) 3 (Sharp 43, Lyons 53, Heath 65)

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 3 (Coppell 31, 46, Grimes 59)

Att: 29,317

Everton: Southall 7 (sub. Lodge), Borrows 7, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 6, Lyons 8, McMahon 8, Irvine 7, Heath 7, ★**SHARP 9**, Ainscove 7, Ross 6.

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 7, Albiston 6, Wilkins 8, Moran 6, Duxbury 6, Robson 7, McGarvey 6, Stapleton 7, Moses 5 (sub. Grimes 8), ★**COPPELL 9**.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (2) 5 (Lee 8, Neal, pen 42, Johnston 59, Kennedy 60, Rush 73)

Att: 40,112

Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 5, Reid 6, Bond 5, Caton 6, Ryan 5, Reeves 6, ★**KINSEY 7**, Hartford 5, Wilson 6.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Lawrenson 6, Kennedy 6, Whelan 6, Thompson 6, Dalglish 7, ★**LEE 8**, Rush 6, Johnston 7, Hansen 6.

Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Wood 43, Bolton 56, Bailey 63)

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0

Att: 10,402

Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Nattrass 7, Bailey 7, McAndrew 7, Baxter 7, ★**WOOD 8**, Bolton 7, Otto 5, Hodgson 7 (sub. Shearer), Ashcroft 6, Thomas 7.

Notts County: ★**AVRAMOVIC 8**, Benjamin 6, O'Brien 6, Goodwin 7, Hunt 7, Richards 7, Chiedoie 6, Harkouk 6 (sub. Christie 6), McCulloch 7, Hooks 6, Mair 6.

Referee: R. F. Nixon (Stockport)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray 63)

Att: 15,691

Nott'm Forest: ★**SHILTON 7**, Kendall 5, Bowyer 6, Gunn 5, Young 6, Gray 5, Rober 5, Wallace 5, Fashanu 5, Proctor 6 (sub. Plummer 6), Robertson 6.

Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, Villazan 6 (sub. ★**GRAY 9**), Pender 6, Coy 6, Hibbitt 7, Carr 7, Richards 7, Eves 6, Clarke 6.

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)

Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Nicholl, og 50, McNaught 68, Morley 90)

Att: 22,801

Southampton: Katalinic 6, ★**GOLAC 8**, Holmes 7, Williams 6, Nicholl 6, Waldron 7, Keegan 7, Channon 6, Wallace 6, Armstrong 7, Ball 6.

Aston Villa: ★**TRIMMER 9**, Swain 7, Williams 7, Evans 8, McNaught 7, Mortimer 6, Bremner 6, Shaw 5, Withe 6, Cowans 6, Morley 6.

Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

STOKE (0) 0

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Buckley 43)

Att: 11,399

Stoke: Fox 6, Parkin 6, Hampton 6, Dodd 5, Watson 6, McLaughlin 5, ★**McILROY 7**, Chapman 5, Biley 6 (sub. O'Callaghan 5), Bracewell 6, Griffiths 6.

Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 6, Munro 6, Clarke 7, Chisholm 5, Elliott 6, ★**BUCKLEY 8**, West 7, Rowell 6 (sub. Ursem), Pickering 7, Cummins 7.

Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hodde 81)
IPSWICH (0) 0

Att: 45,215

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 6, Miller 6, Roberts 6, Hazard 7, Perryman 7, Villa 7, Archibald 7 (sub. Brooke 7), Galvin 7, ★**HODDE 8**, Crooks 7.

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, McCall 7, Mills 7, Osman 7, Steggles 6, Wark 7 (sub. O'Callaghan), Muhren 7, D'Avray 7, ★**BRAZIL 8**, Gates 6.

Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

WEST BROM (1) 1 (Mackenzie 44)
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Thompson 2, Whitton 86)

Att: 12,718

West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 6, Statham 6, Bennett 6, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Zondervan 5, Cross 5 (sub. Brown 6), Regis 5, Owen 6, ★**MACKENZIE 7**.

Coventry: Sealey 6, Butterworth 6, Roberts 6, Jacobs 7, Dyson 7, ★**GILLESPIE 8**, Whitton 6, Francis 6, Hateley 7, Thompson 7, Hunt 7.

Referee: D. Shaw (Sendbach)

Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Goddard 88)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (James, R 34)

Att: 26,566

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard (sub. Neighbour 7), Orr 6, Martin 7, ★**DEVONSHIRE 8**, Van der Elst 6, Goddard 6, Cross 6, Breake 7, Allen 6.

Swansea: Davies 6, Marustik 6 (sub. Robinson 7), Hadziabdic 6, Irwin 6, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 8, ★**CURTIS 9**, James, R 7, Stanley 6, Stevenson 7, Latchford 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

BARNESLEY (0) 0
DERBY (0) 0

Att: 13,457

Barnsley: Horn 6, Law 7, Chambers 6, ★**GLAVIN 8**, Banks 6, McCarthy 7, Evans 6, Walker 6, Aylott 7, McHale 7, Birch 7 (sub. Riley 7).

Derby: ★**BANOVIC 8**, Barton 7, Buckley 7, Skivington 6, Sheridan 6, McAlle 7, George 6, Attley 6, Wilson 7 (sub. Hector 6), Swindlehurst 7, Emson 7.

Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

BOLTON (0) 2 (Henry, pen 57, Reid 70)
WREXHAM (0) 0

Att: 6,221

Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Bennett 5, Henry 7, Jones 7, Gowing 7, Chandler 7, Cantello 6, Foster 7, ★**REID 8**, Thompson 6 (sub. Hoggan 6).

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, Jones 6, Bater 5,

★**DAVIS 7**, Dowman 6, Ronson 5, Leman 5, McNeil 6, Edwards 6, Fox 6, Carrodus 6 (sub. Vinter 6).

Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Reilly 61)
LUTON (0) 1 (Turner 59)

Att: 8,815

Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, ★**SMITH 8**, Fallon 7, Streete 6, Cartwright 6, Reilly 7, Gibbins 6, Finney 6, Christie 6.

Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 6, ★**MONEY 8**, Horton 6, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Antic 6, Stein 6, White 6, Turner 7 (sub. Fuccillo), Moss 7.

Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Bennett, D 3, Kitchen 73)
ORIENT (1) 1 (Foster 38)

Att: 5,689

Cardiff: Healey 5, Jones 6, Henderson 6, Pontin 6, Mullen 7, Polycarpou 5, Grapes 6, Micallef 7, Bennett, D 7 (sub. Maddy 4), Stevens 6, ★**KITCHEN 8**.

Orient: Day 6, ★**FOSTER 7**, Peach 4, Fisher 4, Gray 5, Margerrison 6, Godfrey 6, Taylor, T 6, Houchen 5, Silkman 6, McNeill 6.

Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHELSEA (0) 2 (Droy 64, Lee 85)
QPR (1) 1 (Gregory 10)

Att: 18,365

Chelsea: ★**FRANCIS 8**, Lee 7, Locke 6, Nutton 6, Droy 7, Pates 6, Rhoades-Brown 6 (sub. Wilkins), Chivers 6, Walker 6, Maves 7, Britton 6.

QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 6, Gillard 6, Waddock 6, Hazell 7, Roeder 6, ★**CURRIE 8**, Flanagan 7, Allen 6, Stainrod 6, Gregory 7.

Referee: T. Bune (Cranleigh)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 0

Att: 25,545

Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 7, Saunders 7, Trewick 6, Barton 7, Carney 7, ★**MILLS 8**, Martin 6 (sub. Shoulder), Veradi 6, Cartwright 7, Waddle 7.

Leicester: Wallington 7, Friar 6, Leet 6, ★**PEAKE 8**, May 7, O'Neill 7, Lynex 6, Lineker 7, Melrose 6 (sub. Walsh), Wilson 7, MacDonald 6.

Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)

Match Rating: ★★

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Sending Off: MacDonald (Leicester)

NORWICH (2) 5 (O'Neill 5, Deehan 23, 59, 71, Jack 70)

CHARLTON (0) 0

Att: 14,908

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 7, ★**BARHAM 9**, Walford 7, Watson 7, Bennett 7 (sub. Jack 7), O'Neill 7, Deehan 8, Bertschin 8, Mendham 7.

Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Elliott 6, Mehmet 6, Gritt 6, Phillips 7, ★**AMBROSE 8** (sub. Lansdowne 6), Welsh 7, Hales 6, Berry 6, Robinson 6.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Seasman 25, Fern 62)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Whymark 30, Ford 68)

Att: 10,011

Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Breckin 6, McEwan 7, Stancliffe 7, Green 6, Towner 7, ★**GOW 8**, Fern 7, Seasman 7, Gooding 6 (sub. Hughes 6).

Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore 6, Crosby 7, ★**WATERS 8**, Cooper 6, Crombie 7, Ford 7, Kilmore 7, Whymark 7 (sub. Beacock 6), Mitchell 6, Brolly 7.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Bannister 87)

Att: 8,103

Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, Leonard 6, Johnson 7, Cross 6, Blake 7, ★**MACLAREN 8**, Biggins 6 (sub. Gibson), Tong 7, Atkins 7, Dungworth 6, Bates 6.

Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 6, Blackhall 6, ★**SMITH 8**, Pickering 7, Taylor 7, Megson 6, Shelton 6, Bannister 7, Pearson 7, Curran 6.

Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Williams, D 22)
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Rafferty 18)

Att: 4,833

Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Gillies 6, Randell 7, Bailey 6, Parkin 7, Hughes 6, Barratt 7 (sub. Penny 6), ★**WILLIAMS, D 8**, Stephens 7, Mabbutt 7, Williams, B 6.

Portsmouth: ★**KNIGHT 8**, McLaughlin 7, Sullivan 6, Doyle 6, Garner 7, Ellis 7, Berry 7, Rafferty 7, Gregory 6, Hemmerman 6, Wimbledon 7.

Referee: K. P. Barratt (Coventry)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Hamilton 70)
LINCOLN (0) 0

Att: 10,915

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 7, Wharton 6 (sub. Cavenier 6), Scott 6, Dixon 7, ★**HOLT 8**, Dobson 7, Steven 6, Hamilton 7, McGee 6, Young 6.

Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 6 (sub. Gilbert), Neal 6, Cockerill 6, Peake 6, ★**THOMPSON 8**, Shipley 7, Turner 7, Hobson 6, Cunningham 6, Hibberd 7.

Referee: P. Willis (County Durham)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHESTER (0) 0
NEWPORT COUNTY (0) 2 (Aldridge 76, 80)

Att: 1,451

Chester: Harrington 6, Raynor 5, Burns 5, Storton 7, Zelim 6, Needham 5, Allen 5, Ludlam 6, Simpson 7, ★**SUTCLIFFE 8**, Henderson 7.

Newport: Kendall 7, Walden 5, Vaughan 6, Thomas 6, Oakes 5, Johnson 6, Elsey 6, Gwyther 6 (sub. Lowndes 6), Tynan 7, ★**ALDRIDGE 8**, Moore 7.

Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)

Match Rating: ★★

DONCASTER (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

Att: 5,221

Doncaster: Boyd 7, Russell 7, Lally 6 (sub. Pugh 6), Snodin, I 7, ★**CAWTHORNE 8**, Wigginton 7, Little 6, Liddell 7, Douglas 6, Snodin, G 7, Lister 6.

Chesterfield: Turner 7, Bellamy 7, O'Neill 6, Wilson 6, ★**GREEN 8**, Hunter 7, Athersych 7, Henderson 6, Bonnyman 6, Henson 6 (sub. Ridley 6), Crawford 7.

Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

EXETER (2) 4 (Kellow 29, pen 70, Pratt 42, Rogers, P 76)

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

Att: 4,580

Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers, M 5, Sparrow 6, ★**GILES 9**, Foster 7, Roberts, P 6, Pratt 6, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 8, Delve 7, Hatch 5.

Bristol City: Shaw 6, Stevens 5, Williams 8, ★**MUSKER 8**, Boyle 7, Nicholls 6, Bray 7, Chandler 6, Newman 6, Carter 5 (sub. Economou 5), Hay 5.

Referee: R. D. Hedges (Oxford)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Bruce 44, Powell 46)
FULHAM (0) 0

Att: 9,895

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Bruce 7, ★**WEATHERLY 8**, Sifton 7, Powell 6, Lee 6, Grewcock 7, Cascarino 6, Price 7.

Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, ★**GALE 8**, Davies 6, Wilson 6, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 7, Lock 6.

Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Cowling 51, Hottel 72)

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Stanton 6, Valentine 6, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Fletcher 7, ★HOTTE 8, Wilson 7, Cowling 7, Walsall: Green 7, Macken 7, Mower 6, Hart 6, Serella 7, Baines 6, ★O'KELLY 8, Loveridge 6, Teasdale 7, Buckley 7, Preece 6 (sub. Penn 7).
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 0
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Robson 20)
 Att: 7,802
Preston: Hodge 7, Anderson 7, McAteer 7, Naughton 7, Booth 7, ★O'RIORDAN 8, Kelly 7, Doyle 7, Elliott 6, Buckley 6 (sub. Houston 6), Bruce 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 7, Rushbury 7, Larkin 8, ★ASHURST 9, Craig 7, Ritchie 7, Coughlin 7, Robson 7, Lee 7, Bannan 6.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (0) 0
OXFORD (1) 3 (Jeffrey 5, Brock 51, 53)
 Att: 6,926
Reading: ★FEARON 6, Williams 5, Lewis 5, Webb 5, Hicks 5, Wood 5, Beavon 5, Kearney 5, Dixon 5, Hetzke 5, Earles 5.
Oxford: ★BURTON 8, Fogg 6, Smithers 7, Train 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Lawrence 7, Foley 7, Hebbard 7, Brock 7, Jeffrey 7.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Rogers 75, 80)
 Att: 4,056
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 6, Baddeley 7, Williams 6 (sub. Emmanuel), Lewis 6, Stroud 7, Abbley 6, Carter, R 5, Quinn 6, ★CARTER, M 8, Graham 5.
Plymouth: Crudgington 7, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 7, Harrison 7, Phillipson-Masters 7, Cooper 6, Hodges 6, Cook 7, Sims 6, McCartney 6, ★ROGERS 8.
Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BRADFORD (2) 5 (Gallagher, pen 11, 75, Cooke 16, Campbell 52, McNiven 69)
HALIFAX (0) 2 (Davison 55, Graham 89)
 Att: 5,179
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Watson 7, Lester 8, ★COOKE 9, McFarland 8, Gallagher 7, Staniforth 8, Campbell 7, McNiven 7, Chapman 7.
Halifax: Kilner 6, Chamberlain 6, Carr 6, Evans 5, Ayre 5, Hendrie 6, Ward 5 (sub. Allatt 5), ★DAVISON 7, Graham 6, Spooner 5, Fifth 6.
Referee: G. Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Allinson 76)
BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Funnell 30, Crawford 34)
 Att: 2,662
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Longhorn 5 (sub. Lyons 6), Leslie 5, Wignall 6, Packer 6, Adcock 6, ★BREMNER 7, Osborne 6, Groves 6, Allinson 6.
Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 7, Sulley 6, Spackman 7, Brignull 6, ★IMPEY 8, Carter 6 (sub. O'Donnell), Williams 6, Crawford 7, Morgan 6, Funnell 6.
Referee: I. Barrett (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Stimpson 6, Brown 57)
STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Stafford 8, Coyle 37)
 Att: 1,506
Hartlepool: Watson 5, Linacre, J 7, Stimpson 6 (sub. Staff 6), Hogan 7, Bird 6, Bainbridge 7, Linaghan 5, Sweeney 6, ★BROWN 8, Hampton 6, Johnson 7.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Emmerson 6, Thorpe 7, Smith 6, Williams 7, Sunley 6, ★COYLE 8, Park 7, Stafford 7.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Price 82)
PORT VALE (0) 0
 Att: 2,973
Hereford: Brand 7, ★PRICE 9, Pejic 7, Hicks 7, Bartley 7, Musial 7, Laidlaw 6, Harvey 8, Phillips 6, Showers 6, White 7.
Port Vale: ★HARRISON 9, Bennett 6, Sproson 7, Bowles 7, Bromage 6, Tarrt 7, Shankland 6 (sub. Hunter 6), Deakin 6, Greenhoff 8, Chamberlain, M 6, Moss 6.
Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (0) 1 (McClaren 88)
DARLINGTON (2) 3 (Booth, og 11, Stalker 40, McFadden 63)
 Att: 4,589
Hull: Norman 5, McNeil 6, ★BOOTH 7,

Roberts, D 6, Thompson 6, Davis 5 (sub. Whitehurst 6), Marwood 6, McClaren 6, Flounders 5, Mutrie 6, Richards 5.
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 6, Liddle 6, Smith 7, Skipper 7, Wicks 6, Stalker 7, McLean 6, Hawker 6, ★McFADDEN 8, Walsh 7.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
 Att: 2,365
Northampton: Poole 7, Bryant 6, Carlton 6, ★GAGE 9, Kruse 8, Coffill 7, Saxby 7, Buchanan 5 (sub. Sandy 6), Denyer 5, Massey 5, Perrin 5.
Aldershot: Johnson 7, Scott 7, Edwards 7, Jopling 7, Bennett 6, Briley 6, ★McDONALD 8, Wanklyn 5, Brodie 7, Lucas 7, Sanford 6.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Keeley, pen 50)
ROCHDALE (0) 0
 Att: 1,742
Scunthorpe: ★NEENAN 9, Grimes 8, Keeley 7 (sub. Cowling), Boyd 6, Dall 8, Thompson 7, Stewart 8, Telfer 7, Cammack 7, Moss 7, Goodlass 8.
Rochdale: Crawford 8, Weir 7, Snookes 7, Dolan 7, Taylor 7, Cooper 6 (sub. O'Loughlin 7), Hamilton 7, Williams 7, Goodwin 7, ★WELLINGS 9, Martinez 6.
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Edwards 48)
BURY (0) 1 (Madden 75)
 Att: 14,705
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Casey 7, Garner 6, Matthews 7, McPhail 7, Kenworthy 7, Morris 7, Trusson 7, ★EDWARDS 8, Hatton 6, Charles 6.
Bury: Brown 6, Howard 7, Kennedy 7, Gore 7, Hilton 7, Bramhall 6, ★MADDEN 8, Butler 6 (sub. Cruickshank 7), Johnson 7, Jakub 7, Smith 6.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Brown 50)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Kellock 27, Gynn 59)
 Att: 1,989
Torquay: O'Keefe 7, ★SMITH 8, Wilson 6, Sermanni 5 (sub. Musgrove 6), Lawrence 6, Rioch 6, Brown 6, Cox 7, Cooper 6, Tainton 6, Wheelon 7.
Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Phillips 6, Gynn 8, Smith 7, Rodaway 6, ★CLARKE 8, Kellock 6, Cooke 7, Hodgson 6, Chard 6 (sub. Barnard 6).
Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (2) 3 (Kerr 10, Craven 25, Burgess, pen 90)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Morgan 85)
 Att: 1,828
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Parry 6, Burgess 6, Mungall 6, Hutchinson 6, ★WILLIAMS 8, Powell 7, Hamilton 7, Kerr 7, Craven 6, Griffiths 7.
Blackpool: ★HESFORD 7, Simmonite 6, Brockbank 5, Hart 6, Noble 5 (sub. Greenall 5), Deary 6, Morgan 6, Harrison 6, Hockaday 5, Bamber 5, Pashley 5.
Referee: H. Taylor (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (1) 3 (O'Keefe, pen 20, 47, 78)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att: 6,142
Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 6, Glenn 6, Taylor 6, Cribley 6, Methven 6, ★O'KEEFE 8, Barrow 6, Bradd 5 (sub. Evans 6), Houghton 6, Weston 5.
Crewe: Longley 5, Lewis 6, Griffiths 6, Salathiel 6, Scott 5, ★PALIOS 8 (sub. Howat 6), Keighley 6, Haslegrave 6, Entwistle 5, Chesters 6, Williams 6.
Referee: C. N. Seal (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

YORK (1) 2 (Walwyn 8, Ford 81)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Wood 10)
 Att: 2,155
York: Astbury 7, Sweeney 7, Dawson 7, Hood 6, Smith 7, Aitken 7, Pollard 6, Ford 7, ★WALWYN 8, Crosby 7, Laverick 7.
Mansfield: Arnold 7, Bird 6, Mann 7, Bell 6, Woodhead 6, Wood 7, ★CANNELL 8, Caldwell 5, Lumby 5, Nicholson 6, Parkinson 6.
Referee: D. A. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating: ★★

MATCH

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (1) 2 (Crainie 1, McAdam 50)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone 75)
 Att: 49,144
Celtic: Bonner 5, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 7, Moyes 6, MacLeod 7, Provan 7, Sullivan 6, McAdam 7, ★BURNS 8, Crainie 6.
Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, McClelland 6, Jackson 6, Bett 7, Russell 7, Redford 6 (sub. Dalziel 6), ★JOHNSTONE 9, MacDonald 6, Cooper 7.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (2) 4 (Bannon 22, 80, Dods 38, Narey 86)
AIRDRIE (0) 0
 Att: 5,500
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Malpas 6, Stark 7, Gough 6, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Bannon 7, Holt 6 (sub. Kirkwood 6), Reilly 6 (sub. Milne), ★STURROCK 8, Dods 6.
Airdrie: Martin 6, Anderson, G 6, Rodger 6, Walker, T 6, March 7, Anderson, N 7, Flood 6 (sub. Thompson 6), McKeown 6, Walker, C 6, ★GORDON 8, Campbell 7.
Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
Match Rating: ★★

HIBERNIAN (0) 0
ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Jarvie 7, Strachan 61, McGhee 85)
 Att: 8,000
Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Flavell 6, Brazil 6, Paterson 7, McLaren 6, McNamara 7 (sub. Schaeffer 6), MacLeod 7, ★DUNCAN 8, Rodier 6 (sub. Rae 7), Jamieson 6.
Aberdeen: Leighton 6, Mitchell 7, Rougvie 6, McMaster 7, McLeish 7, Miller 7, ★STRACHAN 9, Watson 6 (sub. Simpson 7), McGhee 8, Jarvie 6 (sub. Black), Weir 7.
Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

PARTICK (2) 4 (Park 2, Johnston 14, Jardine 70, Watson, pen 72)
MORTON (0) 0
 Att: 3,500
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Anderson 7, Dunlop 7, Lapsley 6, Doyle 7, Jardine 6, Watson 6, Park 6 (sub. Higgins 7), ★JOHNSTON 8, O'Hara 7 (sub. McDonald), Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, McLoughlin 6, Duffy 7, Rooney 7, Docherty 6 (sub. Busby 7), Ring 6 (sub. McNeil 7), ★COCHRANE 8, Hutchison 6, Ritchie 6.
Referee: M. Delaney (Clelland)
Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (0) 0
DUNDEE (1) 1 (Kidd 25)
 Att: 3,084
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Walker 6, Abercrombie 7, Fitzpatrick 6 (sub. McEachran 7), Fulton 6, Copland 7, McDougall 6, Somner 7, ★STARK 8, McAvennie 7, Scanlon 6 (sub. Bone).
Dundee: ★GEDDES 8, Barr 6, McLelland 7, Fraser 6, Smith 6, Glennie 7, Ferguson 6, McGeachie 7 (sub. Stephen 7), Kidd 6, Srimgeour 7, Mackie 6.
Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AYR (1) 1 (McInally 23 secs)
FALKIRK (0) 0
 Att: 1,218

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (McCabe 43)
 Att: 400

HAMILTON (0) 0
HEARTS (0) 2 (MacDonald 65, Pettigrew 68)
 Att: 3,432

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Clelland 53)
DUMBARTON (0) 0
 Att: 2,742

QUEENS PARK (1) 2 (Wood 8, Nicholson 70)
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Stewart 4)
 Att: 830

RAITH (1) 1 (Harris 10)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (2) 2 (Alexander 20, 31)
 Att: 1,200

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Brannigan 6)
KILMARNOCK (0) 3 (Mauchlen 75, Clarke 77, Bourke 83)
 Att: 2,209

Second Division

ALBION (1) 1 (Houston 17)
STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 400

ALLOA (1) 2 (Purdie 29, Paterson 52)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0
 Att: 722

ARBROATH (0) 0
CLYDE (3) 5 (Masterton 3, 8, 21, 76, Nevin, pen 55)
 Att: 1,020

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Mackie 50)
EAST FIFE (1) 1 (O'Brien 23)
 Att: 450

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Russell 26, Hyslop 47)
BERWICK (0) 0
 Att: 468

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
FORFAR (0) 1 (Porter 80)
 Att: 200

STRANRAER (1) 2 (Taylor 9, Dolan 71)
MONTROSE (0) 0
 Att: 300

LEADING SCORERS (League, Cups, Total)

Division One		
Rush (Liverpool)	14	11 25
Keegan (Southampton)	21	2 23
Brazil (Ipswich)	16	6 22
Regis (West Brom)	14	8 22
Cassells (Southampton)	10	11 21
McDermott (Liverpool)	14	3 17
Wark (Ipswich)	13	4 17
Harford (Birmingham)	13	3 16
Dalglish (Liverpool)	9	7 16
Goddard (West Ham)	14	2 16

Division Two		
Stainrod (QPR)	14	7 21
Bannister (Sheff Wed)	19	1 20
Moore (Rotherham)	16	2 18
Varadi (Newcastle)	16	2 18
White (Luton)	16	1 17
Mayes (Chelsea)	12	4 16

Division Three		
Davies (Fulham)	20	1 21
Kellow (Exeter)	20	1 21
Thomas (Oxford)	13	4 17
Coney (Fulham)	10	6 16
Phillips (Southend)	14	2 16
Rafferty (Portsmouth)	14	2 16
Bruce (Preston)	14	1 15
Hamilton (Burnley)	10	5 15

Division Four		
Madden (Bury)	29	7 36
Cooke (Peterborough)	23	4 27
Mutrie (Hull)	25	1 26
Edwards (Sheff Utd)	25	1 26
Allinson (Colchester)	19	5 24
Campbell (Bradford)	19	3 22
Bremner (Colchester)	18	3 21
Walwyn (York)	18	2 20

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Sturrock (Dundee Utd)	12	8 20
Clark (Airdrie)	14	2 16
McCluskey (Celtic)	13	3 16
Bannon (Dundee Utd)	10	6 16
McGarvey (Celtic)	10	5 15
Johnstone (Rangers)	8	7 15

First Division

Millar (Clydebank)	18	4 22
Frye (Ayr)	11	8 19
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	16	2 18
McNaughton (Dunfermline)	14	3 17
Morton (St Johnstone)	15	2 17
Clelland (Motherwell)	15	1 16

Second Division

Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	16	8 24
Robb (Arbroath)	15	5 20
Campbell (Brechin)	15	5 20
Lawson (Berwick)	15	5 20
Jobson (Meadowbank)	13	6 19
Davidson (Berwick)	10	7 17

Cut out and keep

DEREK'S FIRST DIVISION DAYS WERE OVER UNTIL STOKE CITY OFFERED HIM A . . .

STAGGERED! That was how Derek Parkin felt when Stoke City offered the 33-year-old defender a chance to stay in the First Division.

He was certain his days at the top were over when new Wolves boss Ian Greaves gave him a free transfer.

It ended an era at Molineux spanning 14 faithful years and more than 500 League games in the famous old gold and black.

"I half expected it, but it was still a rather sad moment," says Derek, who made his Stoke debut in the thrilling 4-3 defeat at Southampton last month.

"I still know I could have done a good job for Wolves, but the manager is obviously looking to the future."

It looked as though Derek would reluctantly join the march to America until Stoke chief Richie Barker, a former assistant manager at Wolves,

PARKIN TICKET

came in with the offer of a two-year contract.

"I was resigning myself to America or dropping down the divisions," says Derek.

"I wasn't very keen on going abroad but, at the time, that was the best possible

offer available.

"But when Richie phoned me up with an offer I just couldn't believe it.

"It has given me a chance to play in the First Division for probably another two years.

"And I'm very lucky because at the end of the season there are going to be lots of players without a club.

"It probably helped that I had played with Richie before because he knows what I can do and how I keep myself in top physical condition.

"People have been asking me for years how long I can keep playing in the First Division.

"I have felt that my form with Wolves this season has been fairly consistent, although I have been affected by a few niggling injuries.

"But I honestly feel that I can keep playing in the First Division for at least another two seasons.

"Richie seems to be getting a useful squad together at Stoke with players like myself, Dave Watson and Sammy McIlroy brought in to add some experience to the side.

"I just hope that during my stay at Stoke I can repay the faith Richie has shown in me."

It would certainly be ironic if Wolves were relegated at the end of the season while Derek remained in the First Division.

"I hope that doesn't happen," he says.

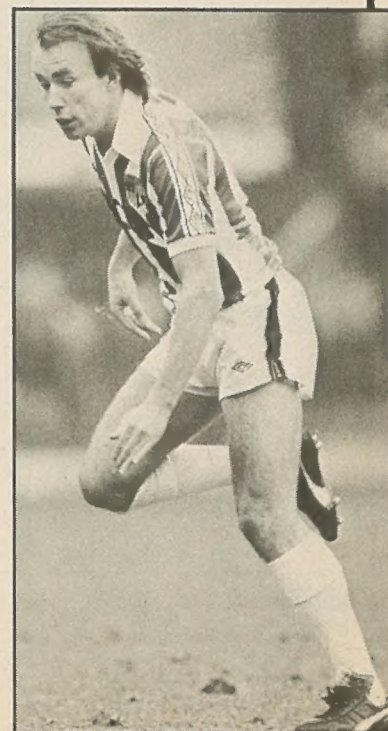
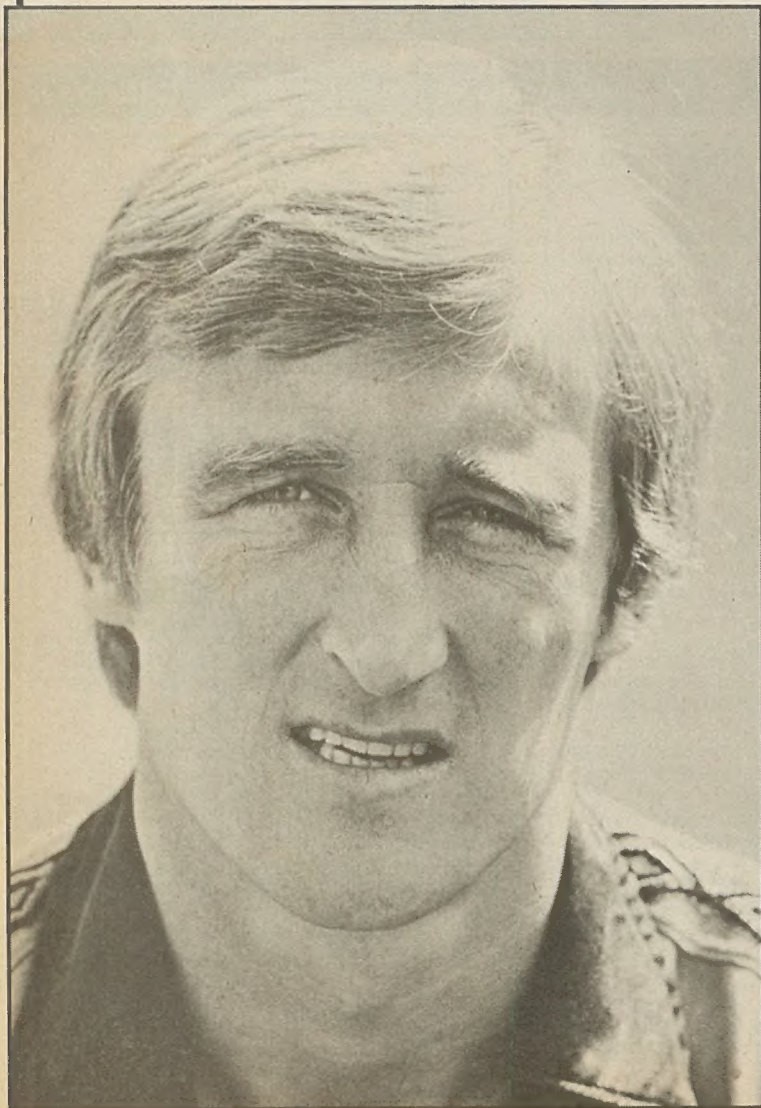
"I would like to think that both clubs will be in the First Division next season.

"You don't spend 14 years at one club and not feel something for them.

"I enjoyed my spell at Wolves and I wouldn't want to have changed it. It saddens me now to see the club in such a sorry state near the bottom of the table, but there were plenty of good times, like the two League Cup Finals at Wembley.

"I shall still look first for their results on a Saturday, but my priorities now are with Stoke.

"And I hope that during my spell at the Victoria Ground, the club can make more progress in the First Division."



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Left: Derek Parkin — "I'm very lucky because at the end of the season there are going to be a lot of players without clubs.

Right: Sammy McIlroy — like Derek, he was brought in to add experience to the Stoke side.



Tommy Williams: "When I heard the Spurs supporters cheering I knew it was the end."

AS he disappeared down the Villa Park tunnel on a stretcher, Tommy Williams' backward glance told him that Leicester's FA Cup dream was over.

His last glimpse of the action was to see luckless team-mate Ian Wilson lob the ball over goalkeeper Mark Wallington to score one of the most amazing own goals in FA Cup history.

It was the final act on a day of disaster for the brave Second Division fighters. They'd lost right-back Tommy with a broken leg and gifted Cup favourites Spurs a Wembley place in the space of just five minutes.

"Ian's mistake was the last thing I saw before the stretcher reached the dressing room. When I heard the Spurs supporters cheering I knew it was the end," said Tommy.

Different

"Up until that moment we were still in the hunt for an equaliser. Steve Lynex had just gone close with a shot and if that had gone in it could have been so different for us."

As if losing an FA Cup Semi-Final wasn't cruel enough, Tommy now faces a battle through the summer to get fit for the start of next season.

He broke his right leg in a collision with Spurs winger Tony Galvin and he says: "As soon as I went down I knew it was bad."

"Tony had his back to me and was trying to

Tommy's double tragedy

back heel the ball past me. I slid under him and he caught my leg. I've tried that sort of tackle hundreds of times before and never been injured.

"When I heard the crack I hoped against hope that it was my shin pad and not my leg," added Tommy, who hadn't missed a League game for Leicester in over two years.

"This is the first time I've ever been out through injury in my career at Filbert Street," said the 25-year-old defender.

"I don't know how long it will take to recover, but I'm battling to be fit for the start of next season."

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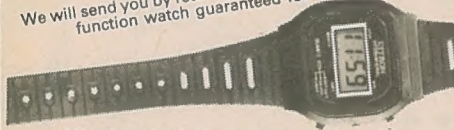
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BEBUILDERS West Brom midfielder Andy King nursed his broken nose and reflected: "Football's a wicked game."

Battered and bruised, Andy was just waking up to the harsh reality that the team he left at the beginning of the season had stopped him from going to Wembley.

"It just shows how cruel life can be. I'm feeling so down and sorry for myself," said Andy, who moved to The Hawthorns from QPR for £400,000.

"On FA Cup Final day I'll wish I was still a Rangers player, but that's the only time I'll regret the move."

"The hardest thing to accept is the way we went out. We just didn't play to our true potential and disappointed so many people."

"I don't think we were over-confident. I told the lads it wasn't going to be easy. Any team with three proven goalscorers of the calibre of Simon Stainrod, Mike Flanagan and Clive Allen aren't going to be pushovers."

Tremendous

"And we all knew that Tony Currie would excel on a big occasion like that."

Andy believes that Bob Hazell's tremendous marking job on England striker Cyrille Regis was the turning point of the game.

"Cyrille Regis is one of our big strengths and we tend to play to him all the time. At Highbury it turned out to be our weakness because Bob played so well."

"Bob is very much like Cyrille in physique and Rangers manager Terry Venables did his homework and realised that Bob was the man to put on our striker."

"When Cyrille isn't allowed to play we're not as deadly as a team and Bob made sure that he wasn't allowed to turn it on."

"After the game I felt really sorry for the older players in our side. People like skipper John Wile and

Battered, bruised and bewildered

Ally Robertson may never get another chance of playing in a cup final.

"It was tragic that Ally Robertson was involved in the goal. He and the defence have worked wonders this season and it's down to them in many respects that we got that far."

"The goal was a pure fluke. Ally was clearing the ball when it bounced off Clive Allen's knee into the net."

Andy wasn't on the field when the goal was scored — he'd been taken off at half-time and replaced by Gary Owen.

"I broke my nose when I was knocked unconscious midway through the first half after a collision with Bob Hazell."

"As I was coming round I opened my eyes and saw blood everywhere. I promptly fainted. I'm scared of blood!"

"I should really have gone off then because I just wasn't with it. John Wile said that he kept shouting at me, but he couldn't get any response. I was in a daze."

"The lads were desperately disappointed to go out of the Cup like that. It was a subdued bus journey home.

"It wouldn't have been so bad if we'd have given a good account of ourselves and gone down 3-2. But on the day we just didn't play well and Tottenham deserved to win.

"The defeat has made the lads doubly determined to go flat out for promotion to the First Division. At the beginning of the season that was our priority. It hasn't changed.

Glamour

"The FA Cup has all the glamour, but at the end of the day First Division football is the important thing.

"Most of the lads have played in the First Division before and are desperate for a return. It was a terrible disappointment when we were relegated.

"The First Division is the only place to play. Cup glory is great but there's nothing to compete with playing against the cream of the Football League every week," added Tommy.

Right: Luckless Tommy Williams is stretchered off at Villa Park: "As soon as I went down I knew it was bad. I'm battling to get fit for the start of next season."



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OF THE CUP

of Semi-Final defeat more than most . . .

Andy could have turned out to be the hero of the Semi-Final at Highbury because he had an early effort disallowed.

"I was so sure it was a goal that I turned away in jubilation. I just couldn't believe the referee when he ruled me offside."

Andy knows that he's now got to put the misery of defeat behind him: "Albion have got to bounce back and win some League games.

"Fortunately we had a First Division game against Swansea a couple of days after the Cup Semi-Final and that helped to take our minds off the defeat.

"Albion have the character to bounce back. When I first joined the club it was down in the dumps, but it's changed 100 per cent.

Feelings

"Although this defeat has knocked the stuffing out of us for a while, manager Ronnie Allen won't let it pray on our minds," said Andy.

Looking forward to the Cup Final at Wembley, Andy has no hard feelings towards his old club.

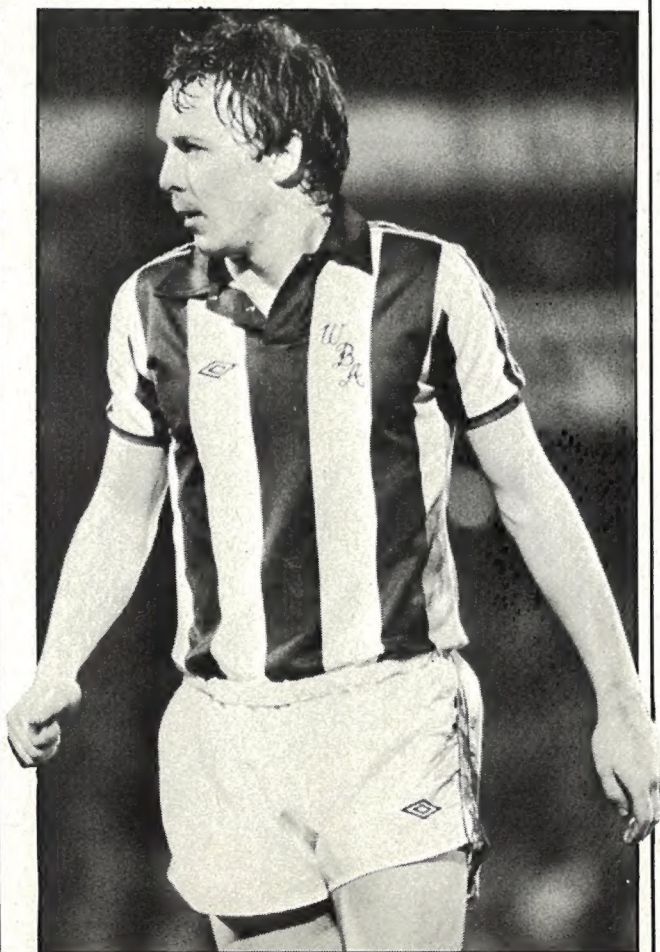
"Although I can't see them beating Spurs, I'll be cheering for them. But I'm not very good at predictions — I thought we'd beat Rangers in the Semi-Final.

"Still, I'm delighted for my old mate Tony Currie. Never mind about Glenn Hoddle, Tony will love Wembley."

Andy, who started his League career with Luton, missed West Brom's defeat at the hands of Championship-chasing Swansea just three days after the Semi-Final defeat.

He said: "We've got the potential to become a very good side. I know it's easy to say that but now we've got to prove it because that's the only way people will believe us."

Right: Andy King: "The hardest thing to accept is the way we went out. It just shows how cruel life can be."



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